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Life-and-death choice left to parents

Mother wins right to stop son's surgery

By Joanna Bale

THE Court of Appeal yesterday upheld a mother's decision to allow her 18-month-old son to die rather than undergo a life-saving liver transplant recommended by doctors.

In a landmark case that enhances parents' rights to determine the best interests of their child, the woman appealed against an order forcing her to return from her home abroad so that the boy could have the operation.

Three Court of Appeal judges described their decision as "desperately difficult" but said that decisions affecting the life of children should be taken by the "devoted parents" to whom their care was "entrusted by nature".

Lord Justice Roch said: "I do not consider that it is in the child's best interests to disrupt his present life by the court giving its consent to his undergoing a liver transplant operation and ordering the mother to return with him to this country, with all the distress and uncertainties that that will inevitably entail."

The parents, who cannot be named for legal reasons, are British expatriate health professionals experienced in the care of sick children. They believe that the operation would only temporarily lengthen their son's life and would lead to great suffering, whereas at the moment he does not suffer great pain. Doctors said that he would die within a year because of his liver defect, biliary atresia, but could live into adulthood with a transplant, which had "good prospects of success".

Emma Holt, a solicitor representing the mother, who was not in court, said that she was "greatly relieved" by the decision. A spokesman for the Official Solicitor, who is acting on behalf of the child, said that a petition to the House of Lords was being considered. The judges, Lady Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Roch, refused the Official Solicitor leave to appeal.

The mother had appealed against a High Court ruling in September by Mr Justice Connell that she must return to Britain from the family's home thousands of miles away for the operation. Lady Justice Butler-Sloss said: "The best interests of this child require that his future treatment should be left in the hands of his devoted parents." She added, however, that once the "pressure of litigation" was over the parents might want to reconsider whether to return to Britain for further medical assessments of the child.

The boy was taken abroad by his parents, by coincidence, just before a liver became available for transplant. The mother was told that he was suitable for a liver transplant but a fact sheet given to her by doctors said: "It is a very big decision to make and every assistance will be given to help to make the decision. If the family choose not to proceed . . . the decision is respected."

The parents' decision not to allow the transplant was influenced by an unsuccessful operation when the boy was three and a half weeks old, which they said had caused him pain and distress. The country where the family live does not have facilities for liver transplants.

The mother, who is 27, was urged by two consultants to consent to a transplant. One said that he would accept her decision. The other took legal advice after deciding that she was not acting in the best interests of the child. The matter was referred to a local authority child protection team which contacted police in the country where the family are living. Officers visited them and found the boy to be well and happy. The police concluded, supported by local social services, that no action was needed. The local authority in Britain, however, began legal proceedings under the Children Act and the Official Solicitor was appointed to act for child.

Andrew Grubb, professor of healthcare law at King's College London, said that the case demonstrated greater emphasis on parents' views. "Until now the courts have tended to follow medical opinion in cases where parents have refused treatment. This case will encourage more parents to come to court."

The ruling was welcomed by Jehovah's Witnesses, some of whom have faced legal action after refusing to allow blood transfusions for their children because of their beliefs. Professor Grubb said, however: "Despite the liver transplant case, the courts will still rule that parents' religious beliefs are not necessarily in the child's best interests."

The British Medical Association called for a "less adversarial" system to resolve cases involving an independent person or body acting as an advocate for a child.

Boy has good chance of surviving surgery

By Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE parents involved in the legal battle with the medical authorities chose their course of action because of the distress caused to the baby by previous surgery, which proved a failure.

But there is no reason to suppose that the boy would not respond well to a liver transplant, provided that his condition was good before surgery, or that he would suffer undue misery from the operation.

The oft-repeated aphorism that doctors should not strive officiously to keep alive a patient whose end is inevitable, and whose quality of life has been destroyed by pain or other disability, does not apply in this case. There is every hope that the baby could have successful surgery and live to adulthood.

Unfortunately the operation has not been established long enough to know the very long term results, but most of the immediate adverse affects of surgery are manifest in the first three months after the operation.

Dr Arie Stangou, of the Institute of Hepatology at University College London, said that the operation may be complicated by rejection of the transplant, by hepatic arterial thrombosis, or by stricture of the newly constructed biliary pathway. Despite this complications between 80 and 90 per cent of the children who have

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GARY MILLER

James Duncalf, from Liverpool, is rescued after falling into the New York river

Briton, 73, survives eight-hour ordeal in Hudson River

From Quentin Letts in New York

A SEPTUAGENARIAN Englishman survived an eight-hour immersion in the cold, sulphurous waters of the River Hudson after he fell off a New York wharf.

James Duncalf, 73, a former scaffolder from Liverpool and an inveterate traveller, was admiring the view from a riverside railing in Manhattan when his spectacles fell off his nose. He tried to grab them and lost his balance, falling into the fast-moving water nine feet below.

He realised that there was nowhere to make an easy landfall. "I decided to swim out to sea to survey my situation and see if there was a better way to climb to safety." Mr Duncalf said. "The water was freezing and I swallowed many mouthfuls — it made me sick."

No one had seen Mr Duncalf fall, and for the next eight hours he tried to catch the attention of passing cars and pedestrians. None heard his cries for help. He clung to the slimy beams of a partly submerged old pier, despite being buffeted by the wakes of passing motorboats.

"I screamed to the boats, but then I reached the point when I had no breath in me," he said. "I couldn't move, my legs became frozen. I'm 6ft 2ins and I just lay there like a beached whale."

Mr Duncalf was eventually noticed by a cyclist who alerted the River Police squad. A rescue launch took him to St Vincent's Hospital, where his condition was reported to be satisfactory yesterday.

The ambulance crew thought it remarkable that anyone, let alone a man of his age, had survived for so long.

A month later, and Mr Duncalf would not have survived even an hour in the Hudson which becomes so cold in winter that ice can be seen on the surface.

He may have been saved by the fact that New York is having a warm autumn and that the river was recently topped up by relatively tepid rain waters.

1,000 may be freed early if Howard loses sentence battle

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

THE Home Secretary, Michael Howard, is braced for a new legal battle over the calculation of prison sentences which ministers fear could lead to the early release of up to 1,000 prisoners.

Alarm is mounting within the Government and Prison Service about a High Court test case next week over the way time spent on remand is deducted when prisoners are given concurrent sentences. The Government has been warned that if it loses the case, hundreds of prisoners could be released early from 135 jails in England and Wales.

A senior government source said: "The figure of a thousand has been put to us. We are going to throw everything at this case and fight it all the way. If we lose we will go all the way to the House of Lords."

The test case follows the debacle in the summer when 541 prisoners serving consecutive sentences were released early before Mr Howard ordered a halt.

The High Court backed Mr Howard's method of calculating sentences for prisoners serving consecutive jail terms but cast fresh doubt on the method used for concurrent sentences. Lord Justice Simon Brown warned that there might be ambiguity over the correct treatment of concurrent sentences and called for legislation to clarify the position. He warned against precipitate action to deal with the issue but his comments were seized on by two prisoners who launched a claim that they were being wrongly held.

One, Carole Evans, aged 22, serving concurrent sentences for burglary, robbery and assault, is arguing that the time spent on remand for each offence should be added together and taken from her sentence.

The Prison Service operates a policy in which only the time spent on remand for one particular offence is taken into account when calculating a prisoners' release date.

John Dickinson, a solicitor acting for Ms Evans, who is in Brockhill jail near Redditch, said last night: "The nub of the argument is whether it is right that the time which a person has served on remand should not count toward their eventual sentence. We jolly well deserve to win".

Lawyers said the impact of the test case was potentially much greater because concurrent sentences are more common than consecutive terms. Less serious offenders are likely to receive concurrent sentences.

Mr Howard and Ann Widdecombe, the Prisons Minister, were warned last year about the growing problem with sentence calculation, according to a memo disclosed to *The Times*.

Headed "Sentence Calculation" it warned that the law was arcane and that its complexity led to frequent legal challenge to the Prison Service's interpretation. "Successive layers of legislation have added to the complexities over time and created unesay, and sometimes unworkable juxtaposition," the memo, from Derek Lewis, the former director general of prisons, said.

It highlighted a constant flow of challenges to sentence calculation, adding: "These cases raise issues which affect thousands of prisoners. Fortunately, to date we have either been successful or been able to amend our practice to head off the challenge."

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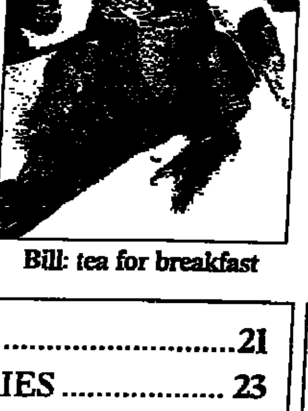
Monkey has church memorial service

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

AN ANGLICAN clergyman last night defended himself for allowing his church to be used for a memorial service for a pet monkey, Bill, which died after a heart attack.

The Rev Stephen Prior, priest-in-charge of St Mary and St Cuthbert's Church in Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, said the service was a thanksgiving service and not a funeral, and therefore acceptable church practice. "The Church of England funeral service was not used. No animal or coffin was brought into the church," he said.

The much-loved pet of Sam and Shirley Bruce, who treated 25-year-old Bill like a member of the family, was commemorated at a service broadened to incorporate all creation. Although typical of the increasing number of animal and thanksgiving services held throughout the church, it is thought to be the first to be inspired by the death of a particular animal. Mrs Bruce, who runs a florist's shop in Chester-le-Street, said: "He was human. He did everything we did. He cleaned his teeth, he had his own colour telly, he had his own little bed and blankets. He ate Sunday dinner with us. He loved his chicken dinners and his Yorkshire puddings, his slice of toast and pot of tea for breakfast."



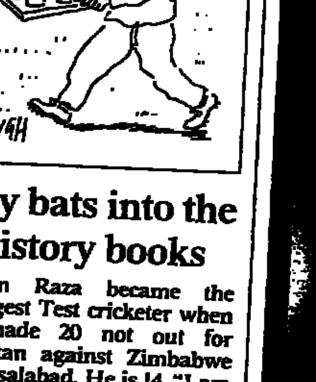
Bill: tea for breakfast

She and her husband bought Bill, a capuchin, for £300 from a photographer on the Blackpool seafront. "Bill didn't want his photograph taken, he wanted a life of luxury, which we gave him. We bought him toys for his birthday and Christmas. When we were happy, he was happy. When we were sad, he put his arms round us."

Bill comforted them and helped them to cope with their grief when one of their three sons was killed in an accident at work, she said. "Now we are grieving again and he is not there to help us. Part of me has gone. He was a little gentleman and I wanted him to have a proper funeral. I didn't want him to go away in a cardboard box or a binliner. I wanted him to go away like a human being."

Mr Prior, whose curate, the Rev Judith Atkinson, 25, took the service, said last night: "We filled a pastoral need. One or two older people muttered things about a monkey funeral, but this was not a funeral service."

The congregation sang hymns such as *All Things Bright and Beautiful* and *All Creatures of Our God and King* and listened to music from Disney's *The Lion King* at the service.



Boy bats into the history books

Hasan Raza became the youngest Test cricketer when he made 20 not out for Pakistan against Zimbabwe in Faisalabad. He is 14. "I am just thrilled to be playing for my country," he said. "My great ambition is to play the next World Cup in England in 1999"..................Pages 21, 48

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Fine words and dogged determination illuminate the twilight zone

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Alistair Cook's *Letter from America* recently quoted Sir Winston Churchill's remark about politicians who, in order to improve their position in the (then newly invented) opinion polls, "keep their ear to the ground". This awkward posture, said Churchill, was unlikely to inspire respect in those who wished to look up to them.

He could have been speaking today. These are lean, twilight times at Westminster. The spirit of the hour discourages generosity of manner, and any kind of style or grace in oratory — being unnecessary for the purposes of boosting the pollsters' ratings — is thought eccentric. A visitor to the Houses of Parliament yesterday might therefore have been surprised — I was — to hear three good speeches, each quite different.

One begins to think that Robin Cook, Labour's Foreign Affairs spokesman, is incapable of a bad speech. Entering the Gallery after Mr Cook had already launched into his attack, I watched this small, wispy figure with a languid manner, sharp eye and gravelly voice, evince a derision for the Government's conduct of European policy which was the more impressive for containing little hint of Cook's own beliefs.

There was no content to Cook's speech: speaking from sketchy, handwritten notes, he was repeating well-rehearsed policies. But the whole thing was done with such self-assurance, such humour, such light and shade and wit and timing, that the overall effect, combining a roguish cockiness with a careful respect for his immediate audience — for the debate itself, rather than how it might "play" elsewhere — left the handful who attended flattered that he made the effort to please. Cook must now be the best orator on either front bench.

Lord Richard of Ammanford, (Ivor Richard), the Labour leader in the House of Lords, can produce an imitation-silk purse from any sow's ear of a brief. Listening to his reply, on behalf of the Official Opposition, to the Queen's speech, one was struck by his sheer, lawyerly professionalism. A certain throaty, after-lunch quality to Lord Richard's delivery masks the cunning with which he steers, deftly avoiding potholes. Speaking of Neil Hamilton, Lord Richard remarked "his passion for litigation seemed to evaporate as the doors of the court opened before him".

Few modern politicians bother crafting a phrase like that.

Lord Rodgers (William Rodgers, formerly of the SDP) is a very different speaker. He lacks any great fluency or turn of phrase, yet sticks to his guns with brave rationality.

LordRodgers refused to commit Liberal Democrats to allowing a passage through the Lords, unscrutinised and unamended, of bills on stalking and on a paedophile "register". He wanted to know how large would be the extra prison population implied by new legislation. He warned lest politicians "exploit the deep and searing personal experience" of people like Frances Lawrence.

He doubted the efficacy of national citizenship awards, child curfews and "compulsory parenting". He warned against "a romanticised vision of the family," and against being "borne forward on a bandwagon" of our own making. To improve inner cities, he said, money would be needed. That meant taxes. "It is dishonest for politicians to pretend otherwise."

Lord Rodgers's speech on the Government's programme yesterday seemed to bear on its shoulders the whole burden of intelligent objection — all but laid aside these days by the Official Opposition — to what he called "a period of rampant populism" in modern politics. It was a breath of fresh air. One felt ashamed it had to come from an unelected chamber.

Rifkind's warning heralds fresh problems in EU

By Philip Webster, political editor

FRESH difficulties in relations between Britain and much of the European Union loomed last night after Malcolm Rifkind fired a warning shot at France and Germany over their plans to sidestep countries opposed to deeper European integration.

The Foreign Secretary made plain in the Commons that Britain would not allow other countries to go it alone with plans that would enable member states to pursue common actions on foreign affairs, defence and justice without the backing of London.

His warning reflects growing fears that an EU elite "hard core" might build on a single currency to create an inner federal Europe. Britain has always insisted that such issues should be handled between governments rather than as EU affairs.

But under plans tabled by Bonn and Paris the national veto would be weakened so that enthusiastic states could press ahead to forge common policies without obstruction from countries such as Britain. Their aim is to ensure that the EU will no longer "have to progress at the pace of the slowest ship".

The Foreign Secretary, speaking in a Commons debate on the Queen's Speech, said that groups of countries wanting to go ahead with policies of their own that others did not want to follow could do so outside the EU, as had happened with the Schengen accord which allows Germany, France and other countries to pursue a system of frontier-free travel.

But any policies that they wished to pursue within the EU would only be acceptable if all 15 member countries agreed. Such plans would involve the European Commission, European Court and the EU budget and it would not be "an acceptable course of action" unless all 15 agreed.

While the EU of the future would be flexible, Mr Rifkind said that a lot more work needed to be done on the EU's so called "flexibility" plans to ensure that the rights of minorities as well as the majority were safeguarded.

Mr Rifkind's caution was backed by Tory MPs who are fiercely opposed to the latest Franco-German proposals.

It means that confrontation between Britain and many other EU countries is now inevitable at the Dublin summit in December which will consider a draft treaty emerging from the inter-governmental conference on the future of Europe. The French and German governments have put it forward as an alternative to a future in which federal minded states increasingly act together outside the EU. The main aim is clearly to stop Britain standing in the way of the rest. But Britain is clearly unprepared to allow the weakening of the veto that would be necessary for the new "reinforced co-operation" arrangements to come into effect.

Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, said in the Commons debate that all previous governments had had the wisdom not to wage war at the same time with France and Germany and had sought to turn the balance of power on the contient to Britain's advantage. "Only this government has fashioned a foreign policy which takes on the whole of Europe at the same time."

Britain 'risks lower status in Europe'

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

BRITAIN risks being relegated to a permanent second division in Europe if it stands back from attempts by other states to pursue deeper integration, Sir Leon Brittan, the Vice-President of the Commission, will say today.

Sir Leon's view, to be aired in a speech at Oxford University, puts him at odds with the Government's resistance to the core principle of a scheme for a multispeed Europe, tabled by France and Germany this week. The scheme, which is backed by most European Union states, would enable groups of EU members to pursue closer union in areas such as foreign policy, defence and police work without fear of obstruction by other member states. Although Britain backs a form of flexibility, it opposes the Franco-German demand for an end to the power of any state to veto common action by others.

Sir Leon, a former Conservative Cabinet minister, will say the outcome of the argument on flexibility will have greater impact on the future of the European Union than any other issue at the inter-governmental conference, the negotiation that is to produce a revised Maastricht treaty next summer.

"It is difficult to argue that you should have the right not to participate and the right to stop others going ahead," he will say.

However, Britain must guard against making itself victim to a "nightmare scenario" in which a group of Euro-enthusiastic states turned themselves into a hard core while London systematically excluded itself from new common actions, he will say.

The Queen at lunch yesterday with Jolanta Kwasniewski, wife of President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland, who is on a two-day visit to Britain

Major leaves publishers confused over his beliefs

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

JOHN MAJOR'S confession yesterday that he was reluctant to discuss in public whether he prays or not, has astonished the publishers of a new book on the influence of religion on British politicians.

The Prime Minister, far from being coy about his personal religious habits, provided 1,500 words on the subject for the new publication, *Belief in Politics*.

But yesterday the Prime Minister, speaking on the Radio 4 *Today* programme, appeared to give a different impression. Challenged as to whether politicians should talk about whether "they pray or how many times" the Prime Minister responded: "I have never gone out of my way to raise these matters."

But his interview for *Belief in Politics*, published by Hodder & Stoughton, was one of the most time-consuming the Prime Minister has given since he moved into Downing Street. Rather than agreeing to a face to face interview with Roy McCloughry, the author, Mr Major chose to write down his answers instead, at great length, in the privacy of his Downing Street study.

Mr Major's officials insist that he took great care and time over the answers. He must have done. They ran to more than 1,500 words and accounted for ten pages in the book. The John Major chapter was one of the most comprehensive in the book which also included contributions from Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown.

The Prime Minister, who seemed coy about whether he said prayers yesterday, was much more open when e penned his respopnse to the third of the 17 questions on the questionnaire.

Asked: "Do you ever pray and in what circumstances? He replied: "Yes, in all circumstances."

He was equally open in his response to question two: "Do you believe in God?" He responded: "Yes, I do believe. I don't pretend to understand all of the comnplex parts of Christian theology but I simply accept it."

But pressed on the subject on the *Today* programme Mr Major insisted that his replies had "been blown up as a much bigger news item than they should have been".

At Hodder & Stoughton yesterday, they were baffled by the Prime Minister's remarks. A spokeswoman said: "I cannot understand it. Is the Prime Minister retracting what he told us?"

Businesses to be paid back millions in VAT

The Government is to repay hundreds of millions of pounds of VAT to businesses after a judgment yesterday by the European Court of Justice.

The court ruled that Customs and Excise was wrong to charge VAT on the full price of goods that were sold at a discount. Test cases had been brought by Argos, the catalogue retailer, and Elida Gibbs, the haircare arm of Unilever. Both claimed that they had paid too much VAT on products sold through discount coupon and voucher schemes. Customs and Excise had claimed VAT at the face value of the coupons.

The Treasury estimates that it will have to repay a maximum of £200 million, but some accountants said the eventual charge could be higher.

CBI opposes devolution

A Scottish parliament would be bad for business, the CBI said. Tax-varying powers and the creation of an extra layer of bureaucracy would carry "more risks for business than benefits", according to Iain McMillan, Director of CBI Scotland. The CBI's opposition comes after a ten-month consultation with the four political parties in Scotland. Labour said the CBI stance was "sadly predictable".

Inquiry into escapes

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, ordered an investigation into how two dangerous patients escaped from Arnold Lodge, a secure hospital unit in Leicester. Gregory Mellers, a convicted sex attacker, absconded yesterday two days after Jason Fielding, who was detained under the Mental Health Act after a stabbing. Mellers also has convictions for robbery. Both men were still at large last night.

Call for combat knife ban

Tony Blair wrote to John Major yesterday, offering Labour co-operation with any government moves to ban combat knives, after calls from the widow of Philip Lawrence, the murdered headmaster. The Government has resisted demands for such a ban, because of difficulties in distinguishing large-bladed lethal weapons from kitchen knives used legitimately.

Lib-Dem peer dies

The Liberal Democrat peer Lord Gladwyn, a former British representative at the United Nations, Ambassador to Paris and Liberal spokesman on defence and foreign affairs, has died aged 96. A committed pro-European, he was also a crack shot and was once complimented by General de Gaulle on the accuracy with which he dropped a bird at a French state shoot.

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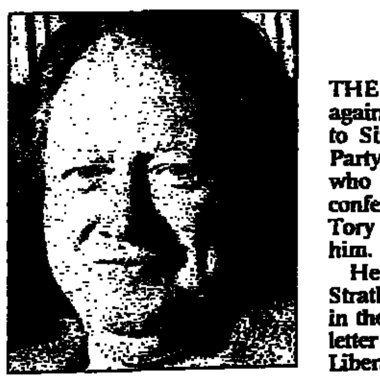
No early bath for referee

Exeter and District Sunday Football League is refusing to ban a female referee from taking showers with the male players, despite complaints from wives. Janet Fewings, 41, a shop assistant from Heavitree who took up refereeing last November, has now officiated at more than 100 games. "I have had all sorts of abuse," she said. "They are just being old-fashioned. People will just have to get used to it."

Tories punish defector by removing whip



McAlpine: 15 years as Tory treasurer

By Philip Webster
political editor

THE Conservative Party has acted firmly against its former treasurer who defected to Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party. Lord McAlpine of West Green, who chaired the fledgling party's first conference last weekend, has had the Tory whip in the Lords withdrawn from him.

He was informed of the move by Lord Strathclyde, the Government's chief whip in the Lords. Lord Strathclyde said in a letter to the chief whips of the Labour and Liberal Democrat groups in the Lords: "Supporting a party which is fielding candidates against Conservative MPs at the general election is incompatible with receiving the Conservative whip in the House of Lords. Lord McAlpine is therefore no longer in receipt of the Conservative whip."

Lord McAlpine, who raised millions of pounds for the Conservatives during his 15-year stint as party treasurer, said earlier this year: "There has not been any suggestion of the whip being withdrawn from me.

"Although it is true I support the Referendum Party, I remain a Tory."

A spokesman for the Referendum Party said: "As was made clear throughout our party conference, we believe there is no incompatibility between being a member of a traditional political party and a supporter of the Referendum Party.

"We do not ask people to abandon their traditional parties. Once we have obtained a referendum [on Europe], the Referendum Party will dissolve. That is written into our constitution."

Withdrawal of the whip does not amount to a formal expulsion, but Lord McAlpine has admitted that he could not recall paying subscriptions to the Tory party for several years. He was treasurer between 1975 and 1990 throughout Baroness Thatcher's time as Prime Minister.

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Good chance of survival

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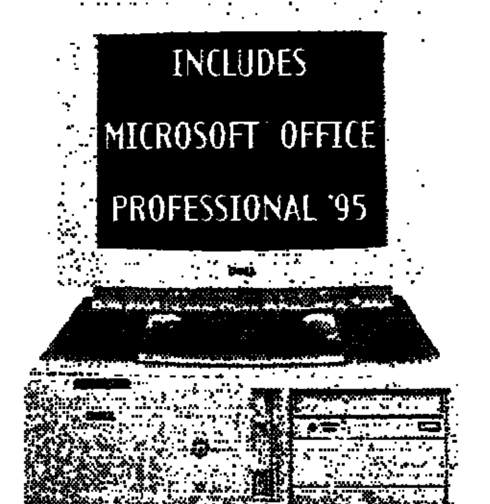
had surgery show every indication that they will become long term survivors.

The court's decision that it is a matter for parents to weigh up advantages and disadvantages of treatment may well be reinforcing prejudice. Parents often find congenital disease and disability in children very hard to accept. The first words most women utter after delivery is "is he/she all right? On the other hand courts have to remember that it is the parents who have to bring up the child, and be prepared to do so, knowing all the facts about what that may entail.

It is impossible to be totally reassuring as liver transplants have been a potentially successful option for only a few years. The baby suffers from biliary atresia. This is either the complete or partial absence of the bowel ducts. These biliary troubles usually manifest themselves when the child is about a fortnight old and it starts to pass pale stools and dark urine and becomes obvious jaundiced. By the age of two or three months the baby is failing to thrive, its growth rate is obviously slow, it is irritable and feeds badly.

As the jaundice deepens the baby's condition deteriorates. It is imperative to treat a baby with biliary atresia as early as possible, and certainly before it is two months old. The High Court baby had surgery when only 3½ weeks, but the surgery is not always successfuland the liver is progressively destroyed, so the only option left is a transplant. The parents' decision to reject surgery, if it is allowed to stand, will inevitably lead to the child's death.



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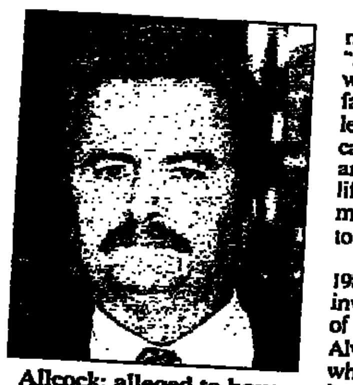
Businessmen 'gave taxman bribes of sex and holidays'

By Tim Jones

A "MAVERICK" senior Inland Revenue official accepted bribes, including the services of a prostitute, to protect wealthy businessmen from paying taxes, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Michael Allcock, 47, was alleged to have lived a lifestyle far in excess of his £45,000 salary and to have accepted payments of more than £155,000. He headed the Inland Revenue's special investigation office — nicknamed "the ghostbusters" — which looked into the affairs of rich individuals and companies. Mr Allcock, from Colchester, Essex, denies 13 charges of corruption between June 1987 and October 1992. In the dock with him are two men he was allegedly investigating — Hisham Alwan, 56, from Knightsbridge and David Shamoon, 66, from West Kensington, London — who have denied giving him bribes.

Five men, some Middle Eastern businessmen, "bought Michael Allcock while he was working in his capacity as a senior public servant. In exchange, he enabled them to avoid investigation of their tax affairs and payments of hundreds of thousands of pounds," John Black, for the prosecution, told the court.


Allcock: alleged to have taken lavish holidays

"His arrogance was such that in 1991 and 1992 he went on holidays with his family — the accommodation and general expenses paid by way of bribes." In the same years, Mr Allcock "also went on holiday with his mistress", Mr Black said. Mr Allcock was allegedly introduced to the woman, Michelle Corrigan, while she was working as a prostitute.

Mr Black said the most lavish holiday, valued at more than £22,000, involved Concorde flights for Mr Allcock, his wife and son, a cruise to Bermuda and accommodation at the Plaza Hotel in New York. That bill, Mr Black said, was paid for by Ara Oztemel, an American citizen with a London address who was liable to pay tax on about £2 million.

Mr Black said that in order to explain his wealth, Mr Allcock told colleagues that his money came from legacies. "Although his wife did not work he could afford a lifestyle far greater than his colleagues. He drove expensive cars, wore expensive clothes and lived a very substantial lifestyle. He was spending money as though there was no tomorrow."

Mr Black said that between 1983 and 1986 Mr Allcock was investigating the affairs of one of his co-defendants, Mr Alwan, an Iraqi businessman who agreed to pay £120,000 in back taxes.

But, he said, Mr Allcock ensured that money and a further sum of £10,000 was never paid when he failed to tell his colleagues the tax was due. Some time in 1989, Mr Black said, Mr Alwan, 56, introduced Mr Allcock to Ms Corrigan and on eight occasions paid for him to spend nights with her in London hotels.

Mr Black told the jury that another man Mr Allcock investigated was David Shamoon, another defendant in the case, who was a person of enormous wealth. Mr Shamoon, 66, gambled £39 million in London casinos between 1983 and 1991.

Mr Black said that Mr Allcock protected Mr Shamoon from investigation and accepted from him an all-expenses holiday with his mistress in Marbella.

The trial continues.

Captain is cleared of brazen misdeeds on frigate

By Emma Wilkins

A MIDSHIPMAN who claimed that the captain of *HMS Brazen* tried to kiss her at a fancy dress party and touched her in a sexual manner while on the bridge lost her claim for sexual discrimination yesterday.

Claire McGarrity, 25, made the allegations against Commander Paul Collins, 39, a Falklands veteran whose friends include the Duke of York. Commander Collins was her captain aboard *HMS Brazen* when she was a trainee officer two years ago.

Her claim that he tried to kiss her while he was dressed as Julius Caesar and she was a Roman centurion at a party in the Falkland Islands were rejected by the industrial tribunal. Ms McGarrity, who was seeking compensation, had also alleged that Commander Collins touched her hips in a sexual way while on the bridge at night. But the tribunal in Exeter accepted Commander Collins's statement that he was moving her while trying to reach important navigation charts.

Her claims that officers subjected her to sexual harassment by watching a pornographic film in the wardroom and making lewd remarks about her love life were also rejected. A ban on identification of the ship and captain was lifted by the tribunal.

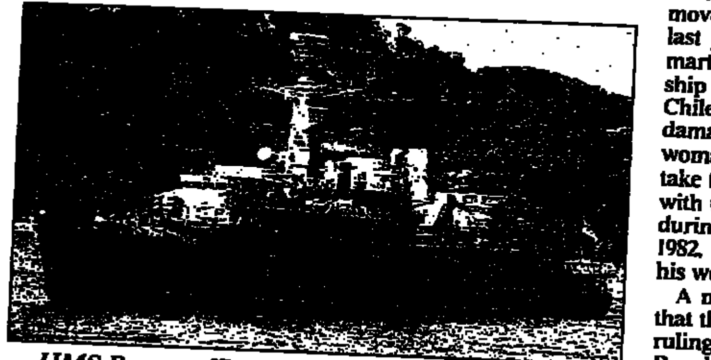
Claire McGarrity, 25, claimed that Commander Paul Collins made improper approaches on board ship

During her evidence, Ms McGarrity admitted that she had a sexual relationship with a male junior rating on board *HMS Brazen*. Affairs at sea are banned by the Navy.

"There is some doubt about her overall credibility," Brian Walton, chairman of the tribunal panel, said yesterday. "On the balance of probability we accept it is most unlikely the applicant's version is correct. We reject any allegations against Commander Collins. We find no indication of any discouragement to women by the Royal Navy and, indeed, to the contrary. We find no evidence of sex discrimination and her application is dismissed."

After the hearing, Ms McGarrity said: "I hope this does not dishearten any other individual who believes they can provide more evidence of this form of discrimination."

The tribunal was told that Ms McGarrity, of Portsmouth, had been dismissed from a training course at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, after an interview with Commodore Simon Moore, then the college's captain. His evidence suggested that Ms McGarrity, a former bank clerk, did not possess the leadership qualities, including honesty and integrity, needed to be a navy officer.


HMS Brazen officers were cleared of wrongdoing

Commander Collins, now serving on the staff of the Second Sea Lord, was removed from *HMS Brazen* last year after he was court-martialled. The £92 million ship had run aground off Chile, causing £2 million damage, after a junior woman officer was allowed to take the helm. His friendship with the Duke of York began during the Falklands War in 1982, and the Duke attended his wedding in 1984.

A navy spokeswoman said that the service welcomed the ruling. "It proves that the Royal Navy does not discriminate against people's gender."

Suspect brought low as bishop and vicar take a pew

By Paul Wilkinson

A BISHOP and a vicar sat on a suspected burglar and held him down as they waited for the police to arrive.

The Rt Rev Humphrey Taylor, the Suffragan Bishop of Selby, had been discussing church education matters with a colleague in his house in Precentor's Court in the shadow of York Minster when there were noises outside.

Mr Taylor and the Rev Andrew Martlew, the director of education for the York diocese, went to investigate and saw a man in the entrance to the Georgian terrace. The intruder tried to escape but the clergymen grabbed him.

There was a brief struggle in which Mr Martlew, 46, was struck over the head. The two clerics managed to force the man to the floor of the flagstoned entry lobby and hold him while police and the minster's own security patrol were called. Officers arrived within minutes.

Mr Martlew, a father of three, who lives in the vicarage at Crayke village, 15 miles north of York, was taken to York District Hospital where he received treatment for a head wound. Mr Taylor, 58, an old Harrovian who did National Service as an officer in the RAF, suffered from shock.

Yesterday the bishop, who took holy orders after completing an MA at Pembroke College, Cambridge, was playing down the whole episode. Back on his episcopal duties, the man who normally passes his spare time in the less physical pursuits of music and gardening declined to be interviewed, saying it might compromise the police investigation.

Mr Martlew was back at his desk in the offices of the York diocese but refused to see callers about the incident, which happened on Wednesday afternoon.

It is not the first time Mr Martlew has been in the news. Last summer he backed the Crayke parish council's objections to the building of a classic Greek-style pavilion in the grounds of the home in the village of Bob Murray, the majority shareholder in Sunderland football club. He said that while not wishing to stifle the eccentricities of an English individual who wished to build follies, it was the wrong style for the setting. Councillors simply described it as "a monstrosity".

North Yorkshire Police said last night that a 27-year-old man from Middlesbrough had been charged with burglary, assault and breach of bail. He will appear before York magistrates today.

Bishop Taylor: he served in the RAF

Owner of common challenged over fees

By Ian Murray

A COUNCIL is taking one of its councillors to the High Court to find out if he can charge residents thousands of pounds to drive across common land he owns. The outcome will affect thousands of homeowners who are cut off from public roads by strips of privately owned land.

The case goes back to 1540 when the ancestors of Willie Hartley Russell became owners of Bucklebury Common, Berkshire. Over the centuries more than 200 houses were built around the common and the only access to them was across land owned by Mr Hartley Russell's family.

In 1929 the council reached an agreement with the family to run the land for them, relieving them of maintenance costs and opening the common to the public for leisure use. A bylaw was passed banning cars.

Mr Hartley Russell, 35, inherited the property from his father in 1991 and has been seeking to charge residents for "easement" — the right to cross the land to reach their homes. While many are refusing to pay, they find difficulty in selling their property because Mr Hartley Russell, a Tory councillor, insists that the buyer purchases an easement with the freehold.

Tim Williams, who in 1986 moved to a house 15ft from the road, was asked to pay £15,000 for his easement. Other residents have seen potential house sales fall through as the buyer learnt the cost of a right of way.

Stuart Tagg, head of Newbury District Council's legal department, said: "As guardian of the public good we have to get some certainty into this matter."

Toytown takes on Tinseltown as Noddy goes to Hollywood

By Carol Midgley

NODDY and Big Ears were heading West last night to clean up America. The Famous Five will be going along to help.

It was hoped that they might amount to a new Magnificent Seven to stand up to gratuitous sex and violence threatening the minds of American youngsters. Toytown might not be big enough for all of them.

The British childhood heroes are to be published in the United States for the first time because the Enid Blyton Company feels that the moment is right to globally expand "safe, clean and innocent" children's stories to reflect growing parental concern over dangerous influences in television and cinema. The characters will remain visually true to Blyton's originals, but they will have to learn a new language for international publication, with rights secured by HarperCollins.

In order to appeal to US children, parts of the text are being Americanised. David Lane, managing director of the Enid Blyton Company, gave an example: "They will say 'gee whizz' rather than 'golly gosh'."

There are 24 Noddy books, more than 100 short stories and 39 television episodes. Five other Blyton series are also being taken to America, including The Famous Five and some of the legendary *Mystery* stories, although those deals are still be to announced. Noddy will be screened on US television in 1998. Until February, the rights were family owned and there was never an attempt to crack the US market.

Mr Lane, whose company Trocadero acquired the rights to all the Blyton books for £13 million, said: "The stories are safe and clean and entertaining. We are not like the Ninja Turtles or the Power Rangers. That is our attraction."

Last night at a dinner to herald the start of centenary celebrations honouring Miss Blyton's birth in 1897, the company launched an international Enid Blyton award. "The Enid" will be awarded annually for outstanding lifetime contribution to children's lives either in a cultural or social context. Nominations will run from next year.

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Rivals resort to desperate measures in bitter fight to dominate teaching profession

Expulsion demands are product of union battle for members

■ The two main teaching unions are deliberately designing strategies in a struggle to be seen as the most radical organisation, David Charter writes

A *BATTLE for members* between the two largest classroom unions lies behind a series of campaigns by teachers demanding the expulsion of disruptive pupils.

Strike threats have proven a powerful weapon for the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT); not only removing unruly youngsters but also attracting more of the profession to its ranks.

Nigel de Gruchy, its charismatic general secretary, looks forward confidently to the day soon when he will declare that the NASUWT has overtaken the National Union of Teachers as the country's largest. It will be the culmination of decades of intense rivalry.

The NUT, desperate to shed its image as a hotbed of militants, appears to be adopting the same publicity-seeking tactics over disruptive pupils in a belated attempt to stop its rival stealing its reputation as the most radical union.

The NASUWT claims 160,000 serving teachers, up by a third during the past six years. It won converts after leading a series of aggressive campaigns to reduce workload by slimming the curriculum and government tests. In contrast, the NUT's membership has almost halved since its heyday in the 1960s to 189,000.

Mr de Gruchy's public profile has risen as sharply as his membership. He is a regular on *Newsnight* and *Today* and has perfected the art of popping up at government briefings and school flashpoints around the country just as the television cameras arrive.

No sooner had Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, finished briefing journalists yesterday on her plans to inspect The Ridings School than Mr de Gruchy was ushering reporters and camera crews across the road from the Department for Education and Employment to a room he hired for his own press conference.

Mr de Gruchy's media omnipresence is in sharp contrast to Doug McAvoy, his opposite number at the NUT. Mr McAvoy has all but disappeared from view as he fights an internal battle to throw off *his union's militant image, perpetuated in the public eye by the activists who jostled* David Blunkett, the Shadow *Education Secretary,* at their annual conference last year.

A huge row between the organisations erupted in May when a senior NUT official accused the NASUWT of exploiting a strike threat over a disruptive boy at Hebburn School, South Tyneside, to recruit more members. Terry Buckler, a regional NUT official, said: "It is my belief the NASUWT were purely out to *use this as a membership* recruitment issue. I am very critical of the way they handled the situation. We have actually handled far more cases of this type than the NASUWT. We handle them very differently and we resolve them to the satisfaction of all concerned without any of the aggravation that there appears to be in this case." Mr de Gruchy complained that the comments were "an unprovoked, unfraternal, outrageous and quite unnecessary attack by the NUT on a fellow TUC affiliate".

However the NUT seems to have changed *its position. In the past fortnight it has issued* two press notices about strike ballots it is holding over disruptive pupils. One of them, over a 13-year-old boy at Bacup Fearns High School in Rossendale, Lancashire, came after members of the NASUWT had already voted not to teach him. A spokeswoman yesterday denied there had been a shift in policy to join the discipline bandwagon. She said national media were contacted because the local media already had the stories.

Mr de Gruchy also denies flatly that the strike threats are a factor in his own battle to become the biggest teacher union. "We already are, in terms of *influence,*" he said yesterday between television recordings.

Nigel de Gruchy, left, and Doug McAvoy: competing for the limelight and members for their respective unions

Training shift fails

TEENAGERS are shunning practical training in favour of academic study despite the apparent growth of work-based courses, a study disclosed yesterday.

The proportion of 16 to 18-year-olds receiving vocational *training was found to be* falling because of the decline in work-based training by employers or government schemes. That more than offset the rising number of youngsters taking practical courses at school or college, such as National Vocational Qualifications, the Policy Studies Institute concluded.

The research concentrated on choices made by 16-year-olds between 1989 and 1992. The proportion getting formal work-based training fell from *32 per cent to 20 per cent. There was a 7 per cent growth* in the proportion taking vocational courses.

Joan Payne, a senior fellow at the independent research organisation, said: "We need to consider the implications of this both for young people and the economy."

Grammar schools 'dumped' problem pupils on The Ridings

By David Charter
Education Correspondent

ONE *third of the problem children at the centre of a threatened teacher* strike were "dumped" at the comprehensive by neighbouring grammar schools, it emerged yesterday as *Gillian Shephard ordered an* emergency inspection.

The 20 are among the 61 "unteachable" youngsters who led teachers to ballot on a walkout from The Ridings School in Halifax, west Yorkshire. As disclosed in *The Times*, the Government yesterday ordered an immediate inspection of the school and blamed Calderdale Council, its local education authority for two years of neglect. But Alice Mahon, Labour MP for Halifax, said that Government policies meant The Ridings became a "sink school" *for pupils* that two nearby grant-maintained selective schools could not control. The Ridings had to take them because *Calderdale has no special school* for children with behavioural *problems.*

Mrs Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said she would be sending in inspectors on Monday because of the school's poor examination results and what she had read in the media about the children's views. The youngsters have complained their school is "rubbish" and out of control. Karen Stansfield, the head teacher, has resigned out of exhaustion and teachers are balloting to strike unless there are mass expulsions of troublemakers.

The team of senior school inspectors will report back to Mrs *Shephard by the end of next week.* If the school is found to be failing they will call for an immediate rescue plan. Forty days would then have to elapse before the Government could take over the school from the governing body.

Mrs Shephard said: "The local authority has had two years from the setting up of this amalgamated school to provide better education for the children in it. Any local authority that can sit by and accept that 1 per cent only of its pupils obtain five A to C grades at GCSE when the national average is 44 per cent frankly is not dealing with the problem in a responsible manner."

Alice Mahon responded: "I think *it is disgraceful what the Secretary* of State has just said." She said the town's two grant-maintained grammar schools drew away the brightest children. "Do you honestly think the parents in Halifax would choose that school [The Ridings]? This isn't about choice, this is about divisive Conservative education policies."

Mrs Shephard responded: "There are a whole lot of schools in similar situations that achieve far, far, far better exam results. It is no good blaming the circumstances a school is in. Good work can be achieved at any school with good leadership and the right targeting of resources by the local authority."

Mrs Shephard said she was also concerned at the number of supply teachers employed on the staff. "We have put education at the top of our priorities and we cannot tolerate, nor can parents or the wider *public*, a situation in which a school is allowed to disintegrate."

She added: "From the words of children interviewed in the course of media coverage of events at The Ridings School, it is clear that children share this view as well."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, welcomed Mrs Shephard's decision. He said: "We are delighted that the mere threat of *strike action has provoked people* in authority to react at last to the crisis."

But he too blamed Government policies for helping to create the problems. He said: "Some *parents* may like selection *because they* win and get children into good grammar schools, but other parents lose, and that is what this Government should bear in mind."

Briton stabbed after clash in class

From Roger Maynard
in Sydney and
Damian Whitworth

A BRITISH teacher who emigrated to *Australia was* recovering from stab wounds last night after being attacked by a pupil in a Sydney school playground.

Russell Edwards, 32, was stabbed twice in the back by a 14-year-old pupil who had earlier threatened to kill him when the language teacher threw him out of class for unruly behaviour.

Mr Edwards, who is estranged from his Australian wife, emigrated to Sydney two weeks ago so that he could be *near his five-year-old daughter* Arabella. He gave up his post at Pemberton Community High School, Wigan, to teach at Marrickville High School in one of the city's more deprived suburbs.

Mr Edwards said that he was forced to throw the pupil out of the classroom on their first encounter because the *boy was disruptive and kicked* him. "He left shouting that he was going to shoot me but I didn't take it seriously."

The next morning, the *pupil was lying* in wait with a *25cm* blade as Mr Edwards arrived for work. The teacher said: "I was almost through the gates when I heard someone running up behind me. Before I could turn, he *plunged* a knife in my back. I felt it go in but just automatically ran. He chased me through the school car park shouting that he was *going to* kill me. I was terrified.

"I have no doubt that if I had fallen he would have pounced on me and stabbed me to death. Fortunately another teacher appeared who shouted the lad's name and he stopped and ran off. The surgeons say I have been incredibly lucky. If the knife had gone an *inch further*, it would have punctured my lung and I would be dead."

A youth was arrested in a pool hall and was remanded *in custody by a magistrate on a charge of attempted murder.* The New South Wales Government said that it was the eighth violent incident in the state's schools this year.

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Police chiefs want Freemason register among all ranks

By Richard Ford and Ian Murray

CHIEF constables acted to curb police membership of freemasonry yesterday, calling on officers and civilian staff to openly register their position in the movement.

The voluntary register of police officers' interests, including membership of other societies such as Opus Dei, would be open for inspection at the headquarters of individual forces.

The Association of Chief Police Officers also urged the Home Office to bring in legislation to make it compulsory for officers to register their membership of any organisation whose articles of association demand a bond of loyalty from their members. They warned that membership of such an organisation created a strong potential for a conflict of interest.

The aim of yesterday's decision is to allay public fears and suspicions about the prevelance and influence of freemasons within the 43 police forces in England and Wales. Paul Whitehouse, chief constable of Sussex, said: "There is a wealth of belief about freemasonry in the police service but very little fact. What we are trying to do is to reassure the public that everyone in the police service is determined to deliver a fair service."

Mr Whitehouse said officers who were already Freemasons should think very carefully about their continued membership of the organisation. Mr Whitehouse said freemasonry was not a major problem but it had been necessary to allay public fears.

He said: "It's the secrecy that is the cause for concern. After all, there's not a widespread feeling that being a Rotarian or a Lions Club member presents a threat."

Last night's move was made only days after the Commons home affairs select committee announced that it was seeking evidence for its own enquiry into freemasonry in the police and judiciary. Last night, Brian MacKenzie, president of the Police Superintendents Association, said there was concern about where the line would be drawn over the register: "Are they going to have to register membership of a golf club?"

Mike Bennett, chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, attacked ACPO for concentrating on freemasonry, and added: "I think this announcement is an infringement of the rights of indivdiual officers."

In the Masonic movement, Commander Michael Higham, Grand Secretarey of the United Grand Lodge of England, said: "Freemasons' principles do not in any way distract a police officer from his obligations."

☐ The chief constables' council ratified a proposal to reduce the drink-drive limit from 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood to 50mg.

CHANNEL 4

The actors John Sandford and Helen Grace playing Nat and Georgia Simpson

Channel 4 will apologise over incest scene

By Carol Midgley

CHANNEL 4 has been instructed by the Independent Television Commission to broadcast an apology over a scene in *Brookside* depicting an incestuous relationship.

The order came the day after it emerged that the Broadcasting Standards Council is to uphold 40 complaints about the scene, in which a brother and sister were depicted kissing in bed. This and other scenes relating to incest were screened in an omnibus edition of the serial at 5pm on a Saturday. The ITC said they were "unsuitable for early evening transmission when large numbers of children may be expected to be watching." The apology will be screened on Saturday week.

The commission said: "The ITC has informed Channel 4 that the sequence in which the characters Nat and Georgia Simpson were shown in bed following sexual intercourse was inappropriate for this time and in breach of the requirements of the ITC Programme Code. The board of Channel 4 agreed that the scene should have been edited from the omnibus edition."

It is the first time Channel 4 has been ordered by the ITC to broadcast an apology since 1993, when it had to apologise over *The Word*. The sanction is more serious than an ITC formal warning, used against Channel 4 this year for the bad language in *TFI Friday*, and in 1993 over *Brookside*.

Brookside has been widely criticised for its story about a sexual relationship between a brother and sister in their twenties, played by John Sandford and Helen Grace. Channel 4 said: "We fully accept the ITC's judgment that the scene should not have been shown at 5pm in the omnibus edition. We are pleased that they recognise that this storyline was an appropriate subject for the 8pm weekday showing, in *Brookside*'s tradition of dealing with difficult and important issues."

The council's ruling, to be published next week, apparently objected to *Brookside*'s treatment of the incest storyline in general.

Abuse of asylum law to be caught on camera

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

THE Government is planning to use closed-circuit television to monitor passengers stepping off planes as part of a drive to prevent people abusing asylum laws.

In the first nine months of this year there were 1,741 cases where people claimed asylum after arriving with inadequate documentation. This made it impossible for immigration officials to discover which flight they travelled on or if the had arrived via a third safe country and were therefore liable to be returned there. The aim of the measure is to identify passengers who destroy their travel documents.

A trial scheme is operating at Heathrow and if it proves effective the Home Office wants to extend it. The move follows measures including curbs on benefit payments to asylum seekers which ministers say have led to a fall in the number of applications in the second quarter of 1996 compared with the quarterly average in 1995 and 1994.

Parishes get power to help local pub

By Michael Hornsby
Countryside Correspondent

VILLAGE pubs were offered the chance of cash help in the Commons yesterday. The Local Government and Rating Bill will give parish councils powers to cut the rates bills of struggling rural businesses.

There will be mandatory 50 per cent rate relief, funded by central government, for general stores and sub-post offices which are the sole shops in villages with fewer than 3,000 people. It is estimated that this could save 6,000 such premises about £500 each a year.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, said the new measures would also give local councils discretionary powers to cut the rates of other local businesses, such as pubs and garages, although the local authority would have to meet 25 per cent of the cost.

The Bill also provides stronger powers for parish councils to take initiatives on transport and crime prevention.

Tribute as press chief dies at 71

By Alan Hamilton

BRUCE MATTHEWS, a senior newspaper executive who played a key role in moving *The Times* and its sister newspapers to new technology and to their new home in Wapping, died in hospital in London yesterday, aged 71. He had been suffering from cancer for two years.

Australian-born Mr Matthews was managing director of News International, publishers of *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and the *News Of The World*, when in 1986 four of Britain's leading newspaper titles decamped from Fleet Street. The move secured the future of the industry.

Although they were on opposite sides of a bitter picket line, Mr Matthews earned respect from print-union leaders, having absorbed their culture when he was appointed deputy managing director of the *News Of The World* in 1972.

Mr Matthews, who is survived by his wife and three daughters, originally wanted to be a doctor but entered the print industry after studying science in Sydney. Last night Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, said: "For me, Bruce Matthews was in the topmost bracket of newspapermen and managers. He was the man you wanted beside you in a battle — and we went through many battles side by side. Most of all I recall the battle of 1986. When News International moved to Wapping and launched a newspaper revolution that changed the face and the future of all British newspapers. Bruce was the rock on which the furies beat: he was steadfast until the storms had passed.

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Court rules that boys must have cultural identity

Foster mother loses fight to keep black brothers

By A Staff Reporter

A FOSTER mother who has cared for two boys aged eight and six since they were babies yesterday failed to overturn a ruling that they be returned to their Nigerian mother to grow up with their own race and culture.

The woman, aged 51, had looked after the brothers since they were a few weeks old under a private fostering agreement with their Nigerian parents. The Court of Appeal was told that the children regarded her as their mother and were heartbroken at the prospect of leaving her.

The judges refused her leave to challenge a decision that the boys should go back to their 34-year-old mother, who lives in Camden, north London. Their father was living in Nigeria and unlikely to return to Britain, the court was told.

The white foster mother has three adult children and acts as a foster parent for social services in Middlesbrough. Paul Focke, QC, representing the foster mother, said that the private arrangement was made so that the mother could continue her degree in business studies.

They had never spent more than a few weeks at a time with their natural mother. But early last year she informed the foster mother that she wanted the children back and planned eventually to return to Nigeria with them.

The court was told that the boys began wetting the bed and were distressed about the move. The foster mother successfully applied for an interim order to keep them with her.

At the High Court on July 30, Mr Justice Singer ruled that the boys should be returned to the mother after she said that she intended to remain in Britain. She agreed to counselling and to allow the boys regular contact with the foster mother.

Mr Focke said that Mr Justice Singer had been wrong to give greater weight to the needs of the children to have a knowledge and understanding of their race and culture than the expected trauma of removal from the foster mother.

"The boys had lived with the foster mother virtually all of their lives save in each case for a few weeks in infancy. They regarded her as their mother and had a place in her family and in the local community," Mr Focke said.

"They had established roots in northeast England, which they regarded as their home. They were expressing strong, unequivocal views that they wished to remain living with their foster mother."

He said that Mr Justice Singer had thought the natural mother "deliberately evasive, untruthful and authoritarian" and had recognised that she "lacked insight into the children's needs". Since the judge's order, he said, the children had been so upset that contact with their mother had broken down.

The Court of Appeal recognised that the case was "finely balanced" but upheld Mr Justice Singer's decision. Lord Justice Thorpe, sitting with Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, said that new arrangements for phasing the children's return to their mother should be determined by Mr Justice Singer at a fresh hearing, expected to take place in the High Court in Sheffield next month.

Lord Justice Thorpe said: "This is another of those difficult cases that arise out of different perceptions that European peoples and West African peoples have as to the fostering of children. But in my judgment this is a hopeless application. The judge reached a decision which he recognised to be a finely balanced one in a difficult case and nowhere is it shown that he has mistaken himself in any fundamental legality."

ALAN JONES

The tile murals may have been by Royal Doulton artists. In this one, William the Conqueror defeats pirates

Pub honoured for knight on the tiles

By Ian Murray

A VICTORIAN seaside pub that was fitted with a carved mahogany bar, ornate plasterwork, etched windows and rare handpainted tile panels in a turn-of-the century facelift has been granted national architectural status.

English Heritage has given Grade II listing to The Havelock in Hastings, East Sussex, as a perfect example of a public house of the 1890s. Pride of place among the decorations is taken by four tile murals in the style of two of the best Royal Doulton artists of the age.

Paintings on the interior tiles depict the town's castle, the battle of 1066 and a sea engagement as William the Conqueror boarded a French pirate ship. Outside is a tiled portrait of Sir Henry Havelock, hero of the Indian Mutiny in 1857, when the pub was built.

Alexander Clement, curator of Royal Doulton's museum, the Sir Henry Roubledon Gallery in Stoke-on-Trent, was asked by English Heritage to identify the tiles. One is marked with the name of a south London potter. But the local architect who was responsible for the pub's facelift may have bought them from a middleman who concealed their origin.

Mr Clement said the tiles were similar to paintings by two Royal Doulton artists, John Eyre and John McClennan, who worked between 1890 and 1917. Mark Oliver, a ceramics expert at Phillips, said the panels could fetch up to £7,000 each at auction but as part of a listed building cannot be removed.

Tile portrait of Sir Henry Havelock, Victorian hero

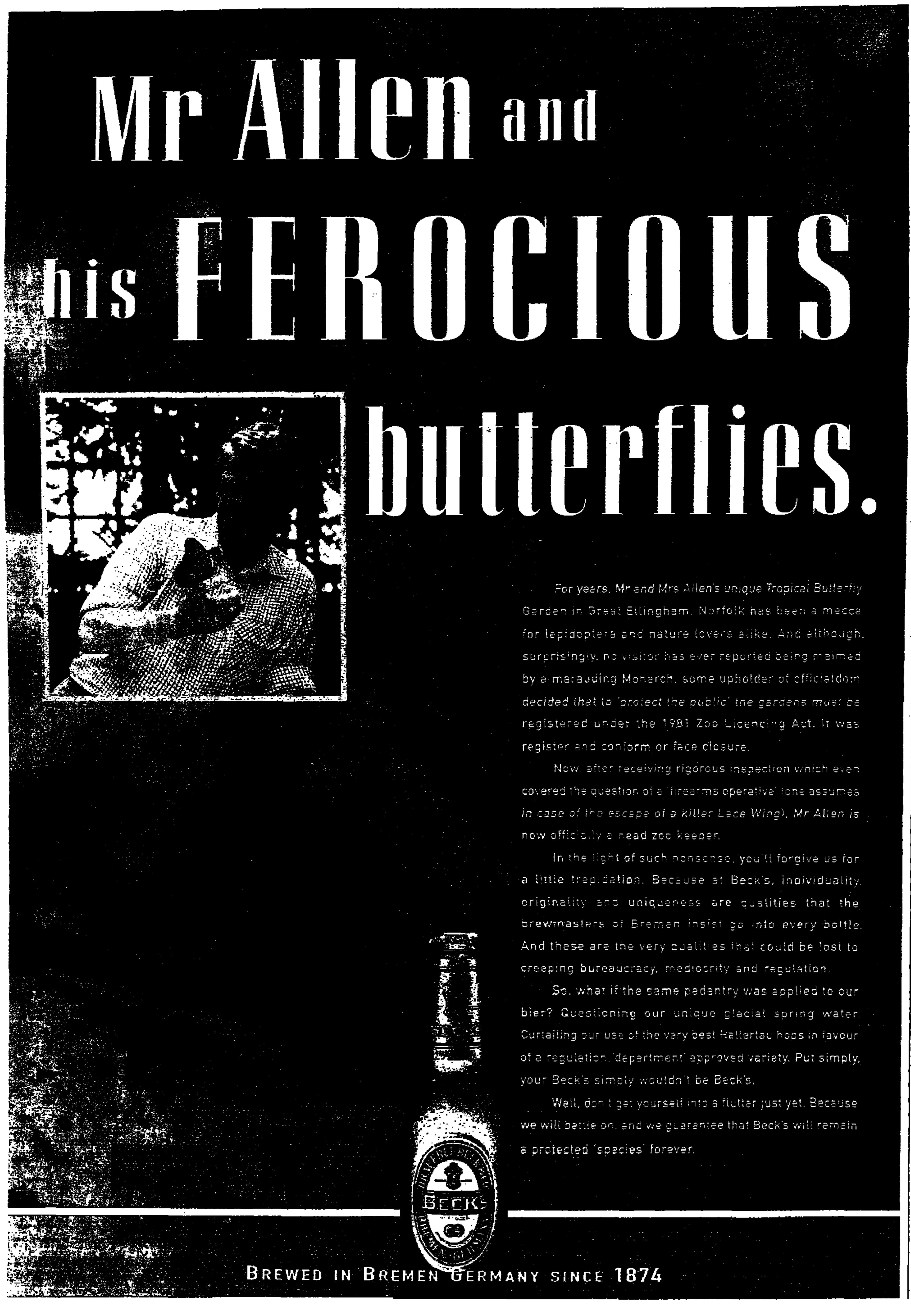
Mastermind audition started but didn't finish

By Kathryn Knight

MAGNUS MAGNUSSON is trying to trace a policeman who nearly ended up on *Mastermind* after sitting through an audition thinking it was a promotion interview.

The CID officer was awaiting his interview at the Dolphin hotel, Southampton, when he was mistakenly called in by an assistant for the television quiz. He performed excellently in the general knowledge round and only after being asked his specialist subject did he realise that he was in the wrong room.

Mr Magnusson wants to trace the officer so that the story can be included in a book he is writing about the show. Mr Magnusson said that because the mix-up happened about 16 years ago he was having trouble finding out if the officer won his promotion, and he has enlisted the help of Hampshire police.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British temperature 'will go up 1C'

Scientists may have overplayed threat of global warming

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

FEARS that global warming will cause a sharp rise in temperatures in Britain may have been been overplayed, scientists said yesterday. New findings indicate that Britain, America and Africa will be cooler than had previously been forecast.

The results show that the likely rise in temperature over the next 50 years will be around one degree centigrade across the British Isles. This is half the increase forecast by computers including the Meteorological Office's.

The revised estimates have come from calculations of the impact of changing tree, shrub and vegetation cover as a result of increased carbon dioxide, due to the burning of fossil fuels. Plants play a key role in recycling water vapour, which affects cloud, and the amount of heat the Earth absorbs. Taking account of these factors substantially alters forecasts of the world's temperatures.

While Britain will be less hot than had been feared, other areas such as the Caribbean coast of South America, large parts of Australia and South-East Asia are likely to become hotter. Professor John Lawton, of Imperial College London, a senior member of the Natural Environmental Research Council, said: "The magnitude of the warming expected in Britain will be reduced by the interaction of vegetation across the globe. South-East Asia, however, gets very hot, up by three degrees." The findings are expected to be fed into the supercomputers used by the United Nations in deciding policy on global warming.

However, scientists gave warning that governments in America and Europe should not be lulled into a false sense of security. Even a one-degree rise in Britain in 50 years will have a significant impact.

Professor Lawton said people in northern England and Scotland might have to bathe in brownish, peaty water. Studies of peat bogs in the Pennines have found that rising temperatures are likely to produce a marked acceleration of peat decomposition. This decomposition will lead to an increase in carbon dioxide emissions equivalent to 10 million tonnes a year — the same amount that Britain has managed to reduce since 1990.

Professor Lawton, speaking at a meeting in London where findings from the council's Terrestrial Initiative in Global Environmental Research (Tiger) were announced, said that the studies indicated a massive run-off of organic peat into the water systems, and that the annual clean-up bill would reach millions.

Professor Lawton said the studies showed the traditional heather moorland would also disappear in favour of bracken. That would adversely affect the merlin, golden plover, red grouse and curlew.

Scientists have also found that a combination of rising temperatures and higher levels of carbon dioxide mean that tree buds and the caterpillars that feed on them will develop earlier and that the grubs will be smaller because the leaves are less nutritious. This will mean less food for members of the tit family. Similar disruptions to the food chain are likely, affecting all sorts of animals and plants.

The findings also show that intensively managed dairy farming is a serious source of greenhouse gas emissions. Ten times more nitrous oxide, a gas that, along with carbon dixoide, is heating the planet, is being emitted from Britain's wet and heavily fertilised grasslands than had been supposed.

SIMON WALKER

Anthony Bianco, with some of his vast collection of Hornby-Dublo model trains, which is up for auction at Christie's

Big profits for small-scale sell-off

By Alan Hamilton

THE sale of Britain's railways continues apace. Today, one of the most famous names is expected to make record prices at auction.

The name is Hornby-Dublo, long beloved of children of all ages, and today at Christie's the largest collection of the legendary 00 gauge model railway ever offered for sale comes under the hammer: more than 1,000 locomotives, stations, rolling stock and the other miniature paraphernalia of Britain's best-known brand of train set. With every piece in perfect condition, it puts today's West Coast main line to shame.

Among the star items is a rare 1938 clockwork model of the LNER locomotive *Sir Nigel Gresley*, expected to make more than £1,000. Equally valuable are two examples of a rather fanciful Canadian Pacific locomotive, which did not fool many Canadians and was quickly withdrawn from sale.

Assembling the definitive collection of items produced by the Liverpool-based Meccano company since 1938 has been a 25-year obsession for Anthony Bianco, director of his family building-products firm in Sussex and co-author of an authoritative book on Hornby-Dublo. At one time he had 7,000 pieces of train-set in his home, but disposed of those that were in any way damaged.

Mr Bianco even repairs the models' original cardboard boxes as though he were an art conservator at work on a Titian. He is selling up because, he says, the collection is complete and is far too big. "I have had 25 years of pleasure from it, and you cannot eat the same meal twice. But I am keeping many less valuable items to play with." Mr Bianco maintains a large layout at his home.

Hugo Marsh, Christie's toy specialist, expects the two-day sale which began yesterday with the sale of minor items, to make at least £100,000. Mr Marsh said: "The people interested in this auction are either buying back their childhood or trying not to leave it. You can go to toy fairs and small auctions and see Hornby-Dublo for sale, but it will be mostly tatty and dog-eared. The Bianco collection is in mint condition; he collected thousands of items and kept only the best."

Prisoners' drug tests 'are waste of money'

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

RANDOM drug-testing in prisons is an expensive waste of resources, according to a study by two scientists. It is said to cost at least twice as much as a drug reduction and rehabilitation programme, and alienates prisoners without any evidence that it reduces addiction or violence.

Compulsory random urine tests were introduced to eight prisons in England and Wales early in 1995, and were extended to all prisons in March this year.

Writing in *The Lancet*, Dr Sheila Gore, of the MRC Biostatistics Unit, and Dr Graham Bird, of the Churchill Hospital in Oxford, say that the cost is about £16,000 to £22,000 a month for a prison with 500 inmates.

This equals half the cost of all healthcare spending for a prison of that size. They say Home Office figures show that, in spite of the threat of punishment for testing positive, the number of positive tests has increased, as have assaults in prison. The report argues: "It is reasonable to assume that mandatory drugs testing has zero effectiveness in countering addiction and disorder."

Meanwhile, drug rehabilitation schemes are under-resourced. They suggest that since as many as one in 20 injecting drug users is in hospital at any time, the same proportion of rehabilitation costs should be spent there.

Irish to sue British nuclear company

By Audrey Magee, Ireland Correspondent

FOUR Irish citizens have won the right to sue British Nuclear Fuels in the Irish High Court. They claim that the company is endangering people in the republic with radioactive emissions from its nuclear reprocessing plant in Cumbria.

The Irish Supreme Court yesterday ruled in favour of four residents from Co Louth on the east coast of Ireland who want the Thorp plant shut down. Mr Justice Barrington said the four had raised "far-reaching questions" that had to be heard by a trial judge.

BNFL had appealed to the Supreme Court claiming that the concerns of the four citizens had already been dealt with by the High Court in London. In March 1994, Greenpeace and Lancashire County Council lost their legal action in the High Court to stop BNFL opening the plant. The company said that the Irish courts should accept this British ruling.

Mr Justice Barrington said that the British ruling did not necessarily apply to Ireland. European Union law took precedence over British law. The four other Supreme Court judges agreed.

Mary Kavanagh, one of the complainants, said: "It is disgraceful that four ordinary citizens of Ireland have taken this case. The plant should be stopped by the [Irish] Government and we will be looking to the Government to take it further."

Alvin Shuttleworth, the legal director of BNFL, said that the company was disappointed at the Supreme Court decision and would challenge the four when the case came before a High Court judge, probably next year. "We are confident that we will win this case because we do not believe that we are causing harm to the Irish public."

Compulsory meters for sprinklers

By A Staff Reporter

THAMES WATER is to install compulsory water meters for customers who use garden sprinklers regularly or who own a swimming pool, it was announced yesterday.

The first meters are due to be installed in February. The £99 charge for fitting them will be scrapped, as will the annual charge for a swimming pool (up to £22) and the £40 sprinkler licence. Thames says that many customers who use sprinklers moderately will be better off with a meter.

Letters about the change have been sent to more than 30,000 home owners. Those with high rateable values will also be given the choice of changing to meters. Thames Water says that they, too, may benefit from a cut in costs. The company already fits meters to new properties.

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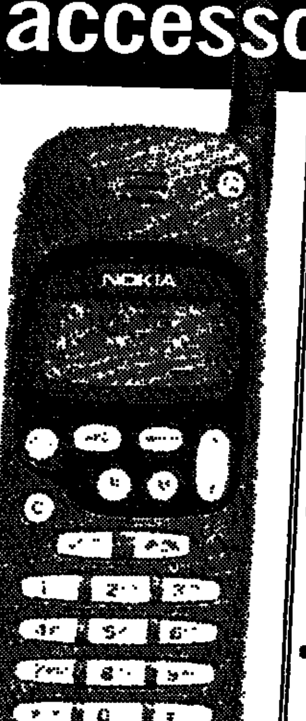

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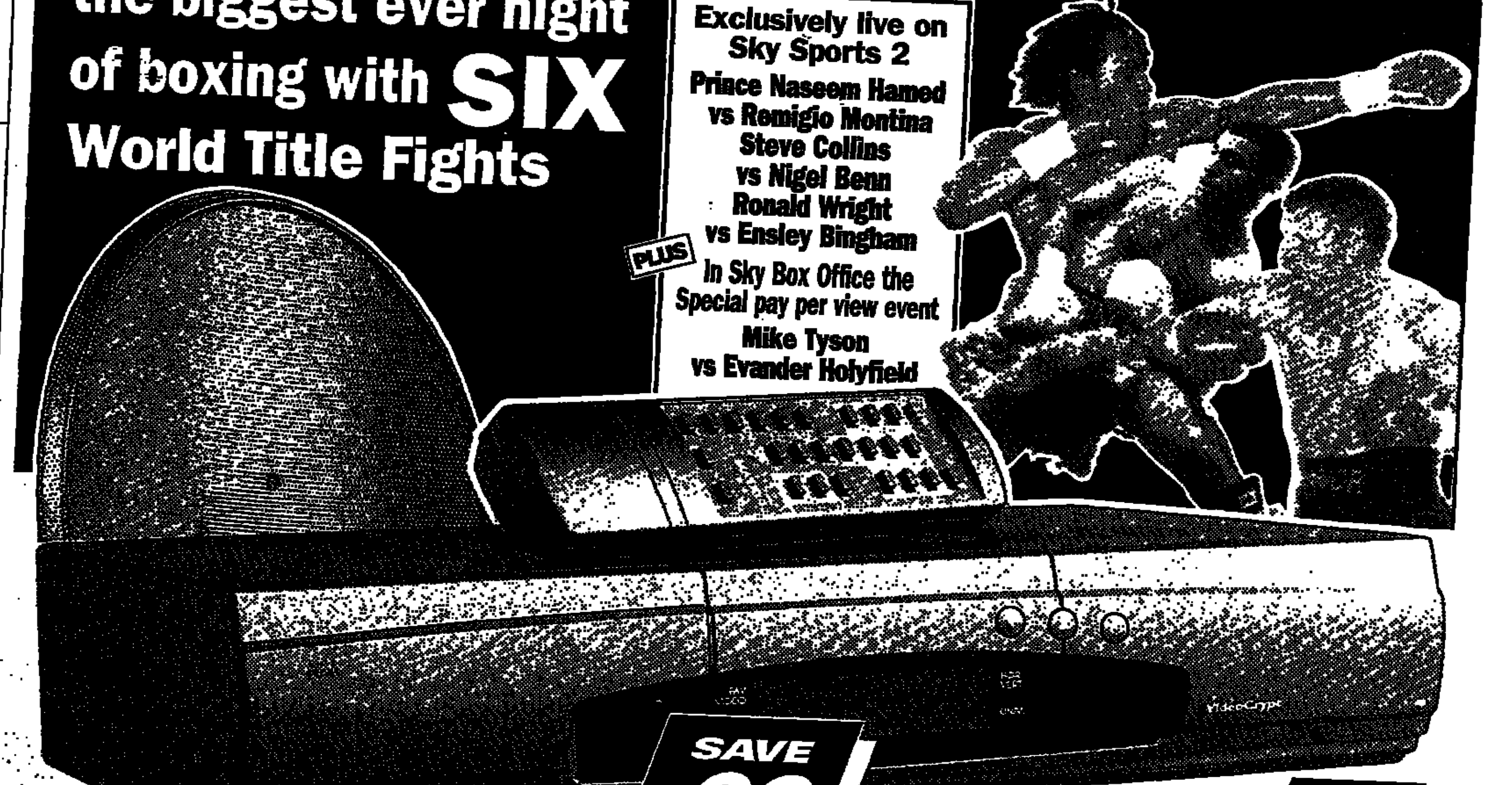

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Judge frees surgeon convicted by jury over hospital death

By John Campbell
in Wellington
and Dominic Kennedy

A JUDGE intervened after a New Zealand jury found a British surgeon guilty of manslaughter yesterday. He cleared the court and spoke to the prosecution and defence teams. A few minutes later a lawyer representing Keith Ramstead, 44, announced that no conviction had been entered against him.

Mr Ramstead walked free from court. David Collins, his lawyer, said outside the building that the case was still "live".

The surgeon had been convicted at the High Court in Wellington over the death of Nancie Muncie, a 71-year-old patient on whom he operated in 1992 to remove a cancer that she did not have. Mr Ramstead was cleared of two other manslaughter charges, involving male patients aged 50 and 74. The charges arose from his employment at Christchurch Hospital between 1991 and 1993.

The judge's action is believed to be unprecedented. It is thought that Justice Ellis may have expressed concern over a perceived contradiction in Mr Ramstead being found guilty of one charge but cleared of the others. A special hearing in chambers has been fixed for next Friday. Until then he remains on bail.

Mr Ramstead went to New Zealand with his wife and four children in 1991. After three deaths in 11 months, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons investigated him. On the day that its report was published he resigned. The family home was put on the market and the Ramsteads returned to Britain.

He worked for two months at Broadgreen Hospital, Liverpool. From August 1993 to March 1994 he was a locum at Whiston Hospital, Merseyside, which dispensed with his services because he was said to be abrupt with patients. At neither hospital was he undertaking surgery.

In 1994 Mr Ramstead became the first surgeon in New Zealand to face multiple charges of manslaughter. He returned voluntarily to New Zealand to stand trial after an extradition action was started.

Controversy rages over whether he should have been charged. Jacobian Birch, the daughter of a 50-year-old man whose death on the operating table resulted in one of the manslaughter allegations, said that she did not believe the doctor had committed any crime.

Her father had been riddled with cancer, she said. Mr Ramstead tried his best and simply made a mistake. "As far as our family goes, we just feel sorry for you," she told him.

Mr Ramstead trained in cardiothoracic surgery at London hospitals, including Guy's and St Thomas's, from 1986 to 1991, reaching the rank of senior registrar. His operations were always supervised by consultants and he was regarded as satisfactory.

Guy's and St Thomas's Hospital NHS Trust said that his work had been reviewed after the New Zealand charges emerged and nothing untoward was found.

MARTIN HUNTER

Keith Ramstead at the New Zealand court yesterday

Executive cleared of killing wife in insurance fraud

From Michael Horsnell in Hertogenbosch

A BRITISH businessman accused of murdering his wife by setting fire to their house after plotting a £500,000 insurance swindle was freed by a court in The Netherlands yesterday.

Kevin Sweeney, 46, was acquitted of the murder by arson of his third wife Suzanne Davies, 32, his bride of nine months who choked to death in thick smoke.

The couple, who had met after she advertised in the personal columns of *Private Eye*, had bought the £194,000 house in Steensel three months before the fire, with a large mortgage in her name backed by big insurance policies.

The fire had broken out shortly after Mr Sweeney had driven off to another house that he owned in Bousval, an hour's drive away across the Belgian border, about 2.40am on July 7 last year, the court was told.

Police and firefighters who attended the blaze said there was a strong smell of turpentine and methylated spirit when they found Ms Davies's body. But Judge Stoker-Klein, president of the Paleis van Justitie in Hertogenbosch, upheld the defence case that the inflammable liquids, which were being used to decorate the house, had been ignited by a cigarette smoked in bed by Ms Davies.

The judge, sitting with two other judges, told the court: "The case against him has not been legally and convincingly proved and therefore he is entitled to go free."

The trial followed a major criminal investigation by Dutch police after Mr Sweeney had been arrested in Belgium and extradited to The Netherlands. A team of eight detectives from Scotland Yard who, the court was told, were investigating business matters involving Mr Sweeney, travelled to Holland.

Ms Davies, from Buckinghamshire, was a former sales director with a small publishing company. After the failure of Mr Sweeney's first marriage, to a Danish woman now living in Odense, he married his second wife Beverley in 1987. She collapsed from heart failure, aged 33, in 1993 at the couple's home in Bousval.

Mr Sweeney has accused Scotland Yard of trying to "frame" him and said he would be taking legal advice with a view to suing for damages over wrongful arrest and a financial loss that he said could run into millions.

Nicolaas Meijering, Mr Sweeney's lawyer, said that they would await any decision by the prosecution during the next 14 days to appeal against Mr Sweeney's acquittal. "After that we will do everything we can to get compensation for the financial and personal damage he has suffered but no money can make up for the loss.

"The way the Dutch police acted was only aimed at nailing Mr Sweeney and not to find the truth. I will go after them. They have violated the basic rules of our justice system."

Mr Sweeney said: "Marriage has been wonderful to me. I have been lucky. My wives were wonderful women."

Sweeney: may sue police over financial loss

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ferry firm complains over navy collision

A ferry company has formally complained to the Ministry of Defence after a catamaran collided with a Royal Navy vessel that was allegedly unlit and straying into a commercial shipping lane. The incident happened shortly after 7.20pm on Wednesday as the Red Funnel catamaran, with 42 passengers on board, was travelling from Southampton to Cowes on the Isle of Wight. Despite a crash stop, the catamaran brushed against the Navy's 18ft Rigid Raider carrying marines on a beach-landing exercise.

Champion fined

Bob Champion, the former Grand National winning jockey who heads a cancer trust, has been fined £250 for illegally keeping a shotgun after police were tipped off anonymously. Champion, 48, of Newmarket, Suffolk, told Newmarket magistrates that he had forgotten to renew his licence.

Seeing the light

Edinburgh City Council has agreed after all to spend £26,000 on Christmas trees and decorations in 18 neighbourhoods after community leaders protested at its original decision to withhold the money. But the hard-up council appealed to private enterprise to help with the cost next year.

Winning posts

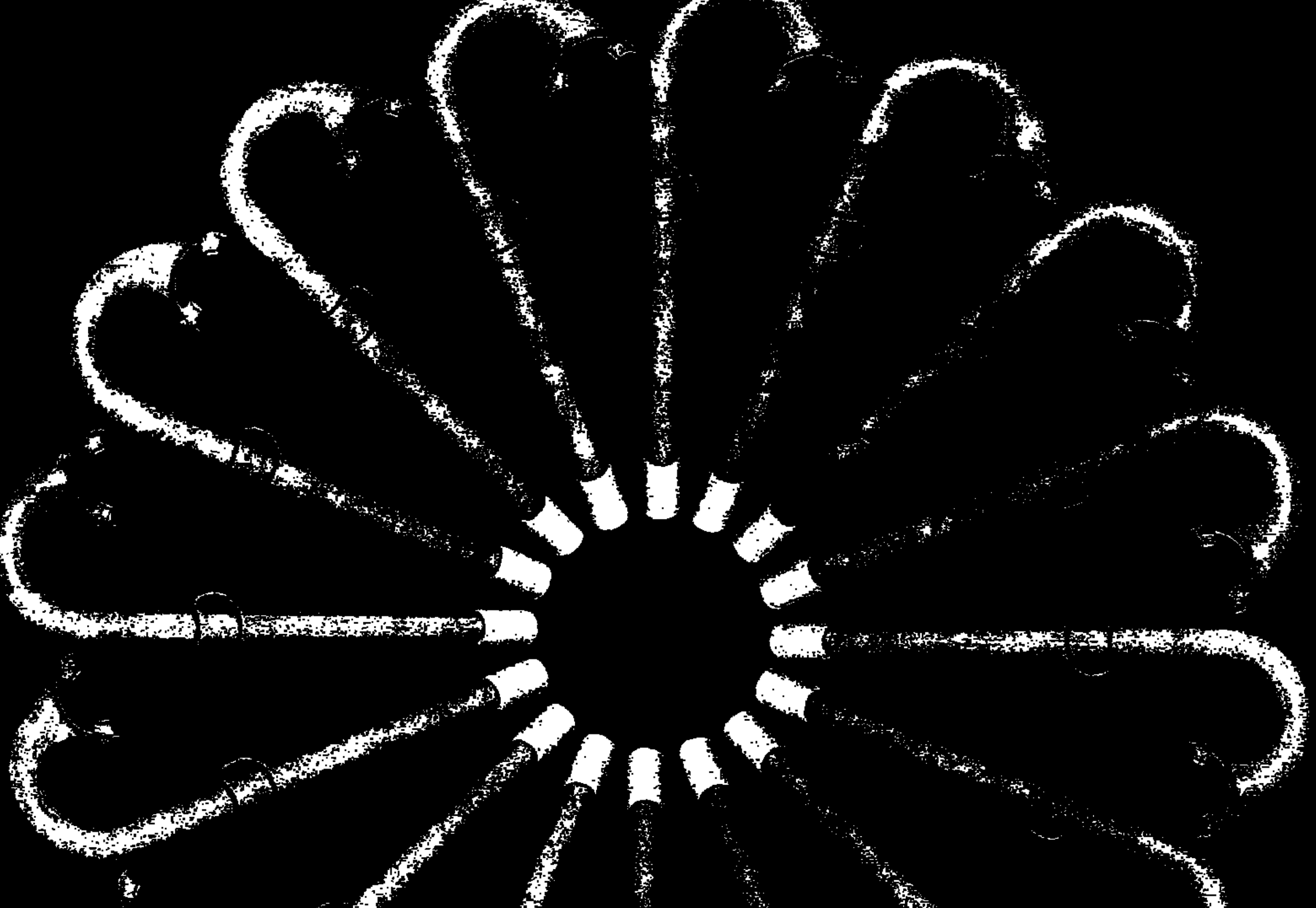
Only 39 per cent of people would give up work if they won enough money on the National Lottery to retire, according to a survey for the Institute of Personnel and Development. Tomorrow's lottery draw is a rollover, the first for 15 weeks, with an estimated jackpot of about £20 million.

Halsall dies

Eric Halsall, a commentator on the BBC's *One Man And His Dog*, has died at his home near Burnley, Lancashire, aged 75. Mr Halsall spent 14 years on the show from 1975. A BBC spokesman said that through his insights into sheepdog trialling he had done more than anyone to popularise the programme.

Plagued by ear

A factory worker who complained of headache and ear pains for two years was cured after a doctor discovered part of a pen in his ear. Cliff Brown, 43, from Sudbury, Suffolk, believes that the plastic plug from the end of the pen lodged in his ear while he was scratching his head with it.



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Stepfather whose wife and son died attacks report that made deaths 'sound more like clerical error'

Trust criticised over avoidable killings by 'ticking timebomb'

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

AN INQUIRY into a psychiatric patient who killed his mother and stepbrother after he was freed decided that nobody was to blame but that better communication between health workers could have prevented the deaths.

A report on the care of Anthony Smith, published yesterday, provoked outrage and disbelief from Peter Smith, the patient's stepfather, and the mental health charities Sane and the Zito Trust.

Mr Smith, an accountant, had given warning that his 25-year-old stepson was "a ticking timebomb" who kept dangerous weapons under his bed. His words were ignored.

The independent inquiry, chaired by Professor Sir John Wood, found that shortly before Smith's discharge from hospital a consultant was told by his stepfather of the patient's refusal to take medication while on weekend leave, his unhealthy fascination for weapons and of the disappearance of a knife. Attempts by his mother Gwendoline and a junior community support nurse to warn doctors of a deterioration in Smith's condition were treated with insufficient seriousness.

"The facts we have been considering are especially tragic in that all the necessary elements for avoidance were in place," the report said. "With hindsight there are many concerned who would have acted differently and will deeply regret their failure to do so."

Dr Andy Clayton, medical director of the trust responsible for Smith's care, denied a failure of duty but said it would have acted differently with hindsight. Smith, 25, suffered from paranoid schizophrenia and his stepfather had considered killing him himself to prevent the tragedies he felt sure would happen if he was discharged.

Anthony Smith: said killings were inevitable

Smith left Derby City General Hospital in July last year when a consultant felt that he was ready to return home, provided he took medication regularly. Care in the community was arranged.

Five weeks later, on August 8, a letter arrived at Smith's home in Sandiacre, Derbyshire, confirming an appointment to see his consultant, Dr Sarah Barrett.

Dr Clayton said: "Before the meeting could take place Anthony's condition deteriorated suddenly and without warning. We are not saying that we were perfect."

On the day the letter arrived, Smith used a knife with an 11-inch steel blade and a homemade iron bar to stab his mother 43 times and 11-year-old stepbrother David 24 times. He then walked into a nearby health centre, admitted the killings and calmly said: "It was inevitable."

Smith, a former Territorial Army soldier, admitted manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility this March and was sent indefinitely to the top-security Rampton Hospital in Nottinghamshire.

Mr Smith said that his concerns about his stepson's condition and his signs of aggression were given insufficient attention. Dr Clayton said that the patient's views had to be weighed against the wishes of the family. He said Smith had explicitly asked the trust to have only limited contact with his relatives.

Mr Smith, 47, said: "It is bureaucrats going through bureaucratic speeches. They are not prepared to take responsibility. They have glossed over everything and make it sound more like a clerical error than anything else. Dr Clayton should have put his hands up and said, 'We made an error'. I don't know how they sleep at night. The medical profession is closing ranks here."

At the time of the court case, Mr Smith no longer wanted to see or speak to his stepson but his feelings have changed. "I have started to see it from his side and what he was up against with these people. He was a victim of the system."

Marjorie Wallace, the chief executive of Sane, said that Dr Clayton should have resigned. "Anthony Smith should have been sectioned and given at least six months to stabilise so that he would now be making rational decisions and be able to live with his family.

"That he was sent back to his family against their wishes is quite unforgivable."

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Peter Smith with pictures of his wife Gwen and son David, killed by his stepson

Stalker's family say he does not deserve Rampton

BY LIN JENKINS

THE family of Clarence Morris, the convicted stalker, say he is a victim of a failure of community care and should not be sent to a top-security mental hospital.

Morris, 37, harassed Perry Southall for eight months after he called to make an appointment at the dental surgery where she worked as a nurse. He bombarded her with suggestive letters and unwanted gifts, threatened her and confronted her with an axe.

The court was told that he had 45 previous convictions for theft, burglary and sexual offences, including raping a 15-year-old girl. Judge Butler, QC, said that he should be sent indefinitely to Rampton high-security hospital but a bed is not available until December.

Relatives say that while Morris, a paranoid schizophrenic, is ill and needs treatment, he is not the monster depicted in the trial reports. The needs of society and Morris could be met by sentencing him to a medium-secure unit, like the one in Hackney, east London, where he is being treated before going to Rampton.

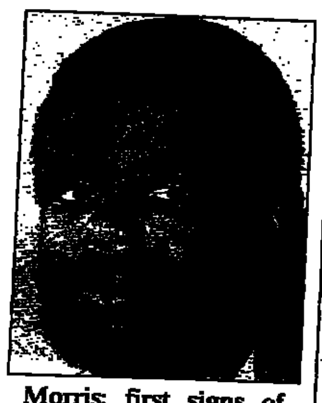
Yvonne Morris, one of his two sisters, said yesterday: "This offence has been blown out of all proportion mainly due to the fact that stalking is currently near the top of the political agenda. I am not saying that he is a good person and not a danger to the community but he does not deserve to go to Rampton. We are all terrified of him but we feel that the way he has been treated is very unfair."

She said that her brother had shown signs of mental illness before arriving from Jamaica with his parents at the age of eight. He spent a total of 15 years in prison, only once being sentenced to treatment at a psychiatric unit run by Guy's Hospital, London, in February 1992.

The family had heartfelt sympathy for Miss Southall but say that she was not the only victim. "Clarence is also a victim of a society that ignores the pleas of families who tell the authorities that their child, who has been put in borstal or prison for repeated offences, is not just bad and dangerous but is mentally ill and needs help.

"Clarence's record has been brought up time and time again, which begs the question whether he was being sentenced for the present offence or for past offences for which he has already served time," Ms Morris said.

His mother and sisters visit him regularly at the medium-secure unit in Hackney but would find it difficult to travel from London to Nottinghamshire to see him in Rampton. Ms Morris said that there was no follow-up treatment for her brother after his release from the Guy's unit. "If he had been on his medication it is highly unlikely that he would have behaved in this way."



Morris: first signs of illness while a child

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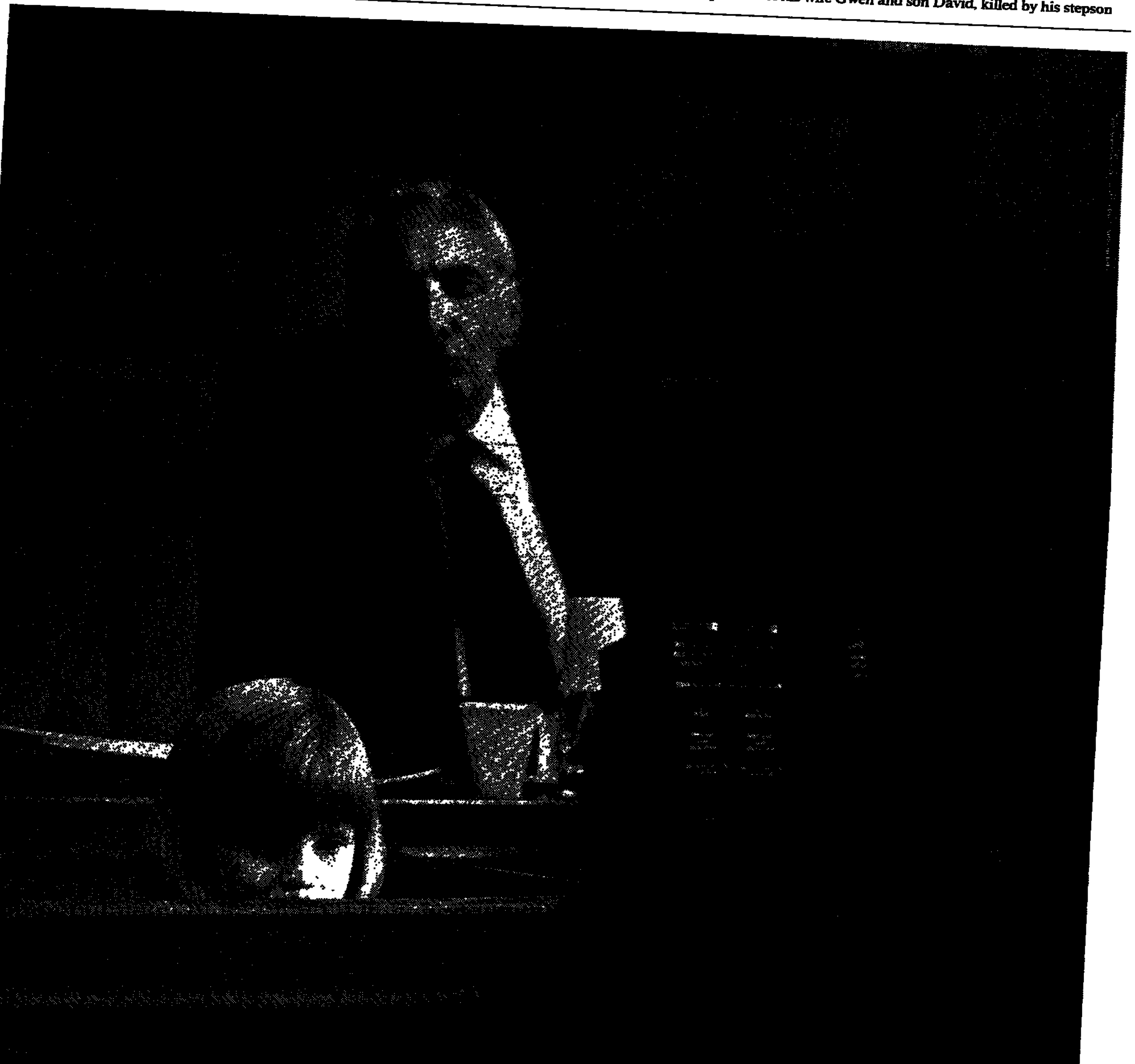

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Ministers hinder Clarke's search for Budget tax cuts

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

KENNETH CLARKE has warned his Cabinet colleagues that he cannot cut taxes before the general election unless they reduce their spending plans further.

The Chancellor is said to be increasingly frustrated that those ministers who have been demanding lower taxes are refusing to agree cuts in their departmental budgets. The EDX Cabinet committee, which is chaired by Mr Clarke, is now meeting regularly to question individual Cabinet ministers. Meetings are expected to continue until at least the end of next week *but Mr Clarke is hoping to* be able to put firm recommendations to the full Cabinet in a fortnight.

Most of the big spending departments have been told to to find further savings in an attempt to bring spending within the £268 billion limit agreed in July.

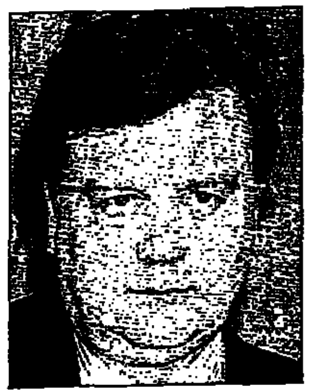
Ministers were hoping to able to undercut that by between £3 billion and £5 *billion but yesterday Treasury* sources said the upper figure had been unrealistic and that it might now prove difficult to undercut the limit at all.

"Ministers are just not prepared to play ball," one source close to the Treasury said. "Nobody wants spending cuts in their own departments in the run up to the election."

Treasury sources are determined to play down the prospect of tax cuts. They argue that public borrowing is higher than expected and the Government will *have to* spend at least £1 billion extra on the beef crisis.

Announcements made at the Tory party conference — including the cost of extra *prisons as* the result of tougher sentencing — also have spending implications. The Prime Minister's pledge for an increase in health spending in real terms every year will cost at least £5 billion during the next Parliament.

In addition the Government faces a compensation bill of at least £40 million after implementing the handgun ban. But inflation is slightly lower *than forecast*, allowing some room for manoeuvre.



Clarke: pressing for lower public spending

City analysts still predict *that* the Chancellor will cut direct taxes by 1p but rightwingers in the Cabinet have been pressing him to go further.

Some of the minor departments are said to have settled already. But Michael Howard, Peter Lilley, Gillian *Shephard and Michael* Portillo, among others, are still battling for more money.

Mr Howard, the Home Secretary, is arguing for extra funding to support the increased prison population even before the impact of his tougher sentencing laws takes effect. The new measures will result in an estimated extra 10,000 prisoners by 2010.

Mr Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, is said to be resisting measures to penalise existing benefit claimants, but he is under pressure to back a plan to cut the special premi*um for all single parents. Last* year Mr Lilley agreed to freeze the two special top-up payments for new single parents — a benefit worth £6.30 for all single parents and the £5.20 premium for those who are *on* income support. He has agreed to freeze them again but is being pressed to go further and extend it to all claimants, with cuts for new single parents.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary is facing renewed demands from universities for extra money, and Mr Portillo, the Defence Secretary, is said to be trying to *secure new defence orders*.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, and Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, are also still fighting for extra funds. Sir George may yet again have to postpone road building schemes.

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Mandelson ready for Blair-Major TV debate

By Arthur Leathley

TONY BLAIR'S demand for a pre-*election televised debate with John* Major is being followed by intensive Labour research into the techniques used by President Clinton.

Peter Mandelson, one of Mr Blair's closest aides, has returned to Britain after picking up some of the secrets behind the President's highly acclaimed television performance in San Diego. Mr Mandelson, who will head Labour's general election campaign, is preparing the ground for the possibility of Britain's *first such television debate*.

He says that the 1½-hour debate, one of two between President Clinton and Bob Dole, his Republican challenger, raised critical issues that would be overlooked in a British general election. "It was civilising and a long way from the reputation of US dirty gutter-fighting," Mr Mandelson said. Although acknowledging that the answers were carefully prepared, he added: "The questions put to the candidates were ones of real public concern and candidates had to respond with serious, considered answers."

Although Mr Major has dismissed Labour calls for a live televised debate, senior Tory strategists concede that it is now a possibility. Mr Mandelson will make a speech next month, pressing for a campaign with fewer soundbites and deeper political coverage.

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Labour to pledge after school clubs

By Jill Sherman

HARRIET HARMAN will today outline a series of new policies to help single mothers into work including after-school clubs where children can play or do their homework till 5.30pm.

The Shadow Social Security Secretary will pledge that a Labour government would introduce a nationwide scheme to ensure that working mothers could safely leave their children at school or in local play centres until they are able to pick them up.

The clubs, which will offer a mixture of recreation and homework supervision, will be run by parents, people who have retired early or teachers who have volunteered to stay late. *Party sources insisted that the clubs would cost very* little to run, an estimated £15 per child per week, but the cost would not have to be met by the government.

Charges would be levied on a *sliding scale for parents who* could afford to pay, while those on benefit would have some of the money transferred to the club. Ms Harman also hopes that the private sector would contribute and that National Lottery money can be used.

The scheme would apply to children from the age of five to about 14. Some clubs might collect children from home in the morning, serve them breakfast and take them to school. Others might provide transport between the school and the local play centre.

Ms Harman will use her response to the Queen's Speech to highlight the growing problem of unemployed single mothers who are trapped on benefit and cost the taxpayer more than £7 billion a year. She will argue that 90 per cent of single parents want to work but are trapped on benefit because there is little financial incentive to take a low-paid job.

She is expected to flesh out details of the clubs scheme next week, but sources emphasised that *the facilities would be open to all mothers. One said: "It will be universal* provision. There will be no stigma attached to single parents."

The scheme is also intended to help to prevent juvenile *crime, by encouraging child*ren not to roam the streets or sit in front of the television.

Other policies are expected to focus on making it easier for single mothers to work without losing benefit immediately, and without being denied housing benefit to pay for their mortgage if they lose their job after a short time.

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Laboratory mice carry secret of human BSE risk

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

A GROUP of elderly mice in a London laboratory be the key to the future spread of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. The longer they live, the lower the risk of a massive epidemic.

The mice are genetically engineered to produce a human version of the prion protein implicated in the brain disease. More than 18 months ago, they were injected with material from the brain of a cow with BSE.

The experiment is designed to show whether, and how soon, the humanised mice succumb to the disease. Normal mice do so after an average of 400 days; these mice are still healthy — although some have died of old age — after more than 500 days.

That looks encouraging, but it is subject to a number of caveats, according to Professor John Collinge of Imperial College and St Mary's Hospital, whose 23-strong group of scientists is conducting the experiment. He knows that if these humanised mice are challenged with CJD rather than BSE, they get sick quickly — in about 200 days. This is because their prions are human, and CJD is a human disease: there is no "species barrier" to jump. The way to measure the height of that barrier is to compare the time taken for the mice to succumb to BSE with the 200 days it takes them to die from CJD.

The barrier between cows and mice, measured in this way, is 250 days. Since the humanised mice challenged with BSE are still alive at 500 days, we know that the barrier between humans and cows is as large, if not larger. The longer the mice stay healthy, the higher that barrier must be, and the lower the number of people who will acquire BSE from beef.

If mice eventually die of old age without developing any symptoms, the experiment will continue by taking extracts from their brains and injecting them into other mice. If the first group are incubating CJD, their brains might cause the disease more swiftly in the second group.

Even if all the mice survive, humans could still be in danger. "We only infected 50 mice to start with," Professor Collinge said. "If the disease affected, say, one in a thousand, I wouldn't see it. But there could still be 50,000 people infected in Britain."

Just who those people would be could depend on a genetic lottery. The evidence is that only about half the population is likely to be susceptible, because of the particular prion genes they carry.

Prions are found in all higher creatures, and are encoded by a gene consisting of 800 nucleotide bases, the "letters" of the genetic alphabet. There are two versions of the gene, called V and M.

Each person carries two copies of each gene, one maternal and one paternal, allowing three possible combinations: MV, MM, or VV. Half the population has MV; the other half divide equally between MM avd VV. Almost all cases of CJD occur in people with two identical copies: MM or VV. Those with a mixture of M and V seem to be immune.

The probable reason is that a mixture is less easily converted to the rogue form of the prion which causes the disease. Infection with CJD occurs when a rogue prion getting into the body acts as a "seed", encouraging abnormal changes to other prions, and eventually loss of brain function and death.

In theory, drugs to counter the process are possible. Professor Collinge says that what is needed is to establish a test-tube system in which the prion changes can be observed. "Then you could use modern techniques to screen thousands of different compounds to see if they would stop the change taking place. Once you find one, you try to improve it, and eventually you would have a drug that would stop the process."

CHRIS HARRIS

Open wide: Michael Gottlieb, chairman of the restaurateurs' association, is happy to put his beef where his mouth is during yesterday's festival

Conference message falls on empty seats

By Robin Young

AS PARTY poopers biochemists take some beating. More than 600 invitations to the Festival of British Beef in London were issued; with headlines everywhere about Professor Collinge, BSE and death from CJD only 200 people took them up.

"We hoped there would be more people here," said the chairman of the Meat and Livestock Commission, Don Curry, as speeches began to rows of empty seats in the Queen Elizabeth II conference centre, Westminster. "With 130,000 catering outlets around the country it is sometimes difficult to get our message across."

Here then, for the benefit of those who unfortunately could not attend, is the message: "Professor Collinge's research has not changed a thing. The safeguards that have been put in place were already based on the worst case assumption that there was a link between BSE and CJD. So far as safety is concerned, this research has no implications."

Having disposed of the bad news, how about some good news? "The quality of British beef has never been better," Mr Curry gamely insisted. "Retailers are reporting sales 85 per cent of pre-BSE scare levels. No other product could have withstood the publicity beef has suffered and still come out so strongly."

Kevin Taylor, the Agriculture Ministry's deputy chief veterinary officer, told the conference that his wife causes chaos in restaurants by refusing anything but British beef on grounds of safety. "Gives a whole new meaning to 'mad cow'," muttered a restaurateur in the audience.

Bob Gledhill, deputy editor of *Caterer & Hotelkeeper*, tried to reassure the audience by putting media scares in context. BSE made so many headlines, he suggested, only because "mad" and "cow" were such conveniently short words, and because pictures of dairy cattle came much cheaper than news photographs.

"Sales of beef will recover," promised Michael Gottlieb, chairman of the Restaurateurs' Association of Great Britain, admitting that sales through his own Smollensky's restaurants were still only half what they had been in 1989.

Vegetarians led miserable lives, he said, observing that they complained more in restaurants than anyone else. "It has nothing do with the quality of the food and everything to do with the state of their minds. A disproportionate number of journalists are vegetarians. This might explain why BSE gets so many column inches."

Upstairs there was lunch: three Thai recipes for beef, plates of salt beef with garnishings, and several tureens of beef in beer stew. At least five people refused to eat beef in any of its forms, sticking to vegetables and salads.

New research bolsters support for EU ban

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

THE latest evidence of a human link to mad cow disease was viewed across Europe yesterday as further proof that no British beef should be sold abroad without tougher measures to eradicate BSE in the United Kingdom.

The media and politicians greeted the scientific findings of Professor John Collinge's team as fresh vindication of the beef ban, imposed last March. The reaction, as usual, was strongest in Germany, where officials said the research had reinforced their belief that the ban could not be lifted for a long time.

Suddeutsche Zeitung said: "The message is clear: there is not the slightest reason to ease up the fight against BSE . . . Perhaps London will listen at last to serious researchers in its own country." *Bild* said: "Thank goodness German politicians did not wait for more and more evidence but acted in good time." Germany was first to impose a ban on British beef last March.

In France, *Liberation* said the apparent proof that humans could be infected by eating beef should serve to ensure that politicians were kept under the pressure of public opinion to take the strictest measures.

The European Commission, which co-ordinates EU action against BSE, said there appeared no reason to change its approach to the British beef crisis. It repeated its demand, shared by all 14 other member states, that Britain immediately implement the selective slaughter of 140,000 cattle, which it promised in the agreement on easing the ban in Florence in June. The Government suspended the cull in September after scientists reported that BSE would die out without further measures early in the next century.

Gerry Kiely, the spokesman for Franz Fischler, the Farm Commissioner, said: "In terms of the pace at which the ban is lifted, the first step is totally in the hands of the British Government." Since 1989, the Commission had acted on the assumption that there could be a link between BSE and CJD, and the latest British findings showed that the approach of the Florence accord was correct, he said.

Britain's suspension of the cull has been greeted with incomprehension. Herr Fischler said that the new British findings "show how serious the crisis is. We must make sure all the measures which have been put in place are maintained, because now we have to face the fact that the disease can be transmitted to people."

Britain is preparing to apply to the EU to start lifting the ban for cattle from certified BSE-free herds in Northern Ireland. With emotions stirred again by the latest report, the Government is expected to delay its formal request for the action, British sources said. The Commission is not happy with a British proposal to implement the selective slaughter only in Northern Ireland in return for EU approval to renew exports from the province.

The Commission is itself under criticism for its handling of the epidemic. The European Parliament, which is leading the attack, yesterday agreed to extend for three more months a committee of inquiry which is investigating the alleged mishandling of the epidemic by the Commission and Britain.

Present safeguards 'are tight enough'

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

DOUGLAS HOGG, the Agriculture Minister, said yesterday that he saw no need for any new safeguards arising out of the latest scientific evidence on a link between BSE and the fatal CJD brain disease in humans.

"We have been working on the assumption for a long time now that BSE was capable of being transmitted," he told *The Times*. "Therefore the measures that we first put in place at the end of the Eighties, and subsequently reinforced, were directed to guarding the public against any risk.

"Now what Professor Collinge has done is to provide evidence which tends to corroborate the assumption which we previously had made for working purposes. So I see no need for further measures."

The Prime Minister came to Mr Hogg's support, telling BBC Television's *Breakfast News* that beef was "perfectly safe". He added: "So there ought to be no fresh public concern because the action that would be necessary has been taken, in some cases six or seven years ago, and enlarged upon fairly recently.

"There is no need for any more action and, because the action has been taken, there is no need for the European Union to panic."

Professor John Pattison, head of the scientific committee advising the Government on BSE, also said he would eat beef "without any reservations", because of the safeguards that were in place.

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Despairing Dole pleads with Perot to drop out

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

AN INCREASINGLY desperate Bob Dole, watching his chances of reaching the White House receding by the day, has called on the maverick millionaire, Ross Perot, to abandon his independent bid for the presidency and throw his weight behind the faltering Republican campaign.

In an overture which reveals the Dole campaign's growing despair, Scott Reed, the Republican campaign manager, flew to Dallas for a secret meeting with Mr Perot on Wednesday. Last night Mr Perot said he was in the race to stay. The Perot campaign office said it was considering asking Mr Dole to drop out.

The move comes as Mr Dole's plight in the presidential race appears to be worsening, despite strenuous attempts in the past week to refocus his campaign. A new *Washington Post* nationwide poll shows President Clinton leading by 54 per cent compared to Mr Dole's 32 per cent. The latest *Los Angeles Times* poll shows Mr Dole lagging by 20 points in California.

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despite his highly publicised decision last week to commit $4 million (£2.5 million) and much of his time to the state.

Mr Dole has also been forced to keep battling for nearly half the Southern states — Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Louisiana — which Republican candidates traditionally take for granted. At the request of former President Bush, he is even visiting Texas, where Democratic inroads have been unthinkable.

The new downturn in Mr Dole's fortunes dates from the second televised presidential debate in San Diego on October 16 and his decision to "go negative", attacking Mr Clinton's character and ethics. Before the debate, the gap between the candidates appeared to be closing, but voters seem to have found the character attacks off-putting.

Mr Dole is not short of courage. It takes resilience to stand on a podium three times a day and hear yourself introduced as the next President while that claim becomes ever less credible. But as the campaign enters the last 12 days, he has more energy than options.

In the past 36 hours, the Dole campaign has quietly dropped the character issue: short of an indictment of the President or his wife, most voters appear to have dismissed the Whitewater allegations as murky but distant Arkansas history.

It cannot wield traditional Republican themes of crime, welfare and family values, as they have devastatingly been appropriated by the Democrats; in an astonishing reversal of usual tactics, Democrats are running more anti-crime advertisements than their rivals, making much of their gun-control measures.

Most damagingly, Mr Dole's tax-cutting message, the only policy which distinguished him from Mr Clinton and was capable of reaching beyond the traditional Republican base, does not appear popular enough. Voters are sceptical that he can cut taxes while controlling the budget deficit, the cause to which he had devoted his career.

In approaching Mr Perot, the Dole campaign hoped to grab the Reform Party's small but steady block of support, which *The Washington Post* poll puts at 8 per cent. However, the move is risky: it is possible that if Mr Perot dropped out, Mr Clinton might benefit most, according to recent *New York Times* polls. In practice, the bid for Mr Perot's support looks a long shot. The gulf between the two candidates' main policies seems too formidable to be breached even by the politics of desperation.

REUTER

Jorge Cabrera, a drug trafficker, with Hillary Clinton at a White House party and, below, with Vice-President Al Gore

Drug trafficker's gift to Democrats fuels funding row

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE MURKY underworld of Miami entered America's most expensive presidential election yesterday after the Justice Department was forced to release photographs of Hillary Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore posing with a Democratic contributor since convicted of drug smuggling in the Caribbean.

The story behind the pictures, showing Jorge Cabrera beside a smiling Mrs Clinton at a White House party and with Mr Gore at a separate event in Florida, further highlighted the seemingly endless trail of dubious donations which have surfaced in Clinton campaign and Democratic Party coffers this year. Cabrera, currently serving a 19-year sentence for peddling narcotics, made a $20,000 (£13,300) donation to the Democratic National Committee in 1995. The photographs embarrassed the Clinton campaign yesterday, surfacing hard on the heels of increasing allegations over foreign contributions to the Democratic Party, and after President Clinton's attempt to encourage the family vote by announcing a drug testing programme for suburban teenagers.

Leading Republicans, who had demanded the release of the photographs, accused Mr Clinton of placing pressure on the Justice Department to suppress evidence by withholding them from the public.

Bob Dole, the presidential challenger, said it was a further example of how the President's character had tarnished the Oval Office. "I'm not going to be AWOL like President Clinton has been AWOL in the war on drugs," he said. "And I'm not going to invite drug dealers to the White House either."

Democrats claim they were unaware until last week of Cabrera's drug connections in Miami, and the Justice Department rejected allegations of a cover-up. With candidates expected to spend a staggering $1.6 billion, the controversy over campaign financing, spurred by initial revelations that the Democratic Party received an illegal $250,000 contribution from a South Korean firm, is unlikely to affect the outcome of the election. However, the issue will not vanish easily thereafter. The emergence of almost $1 million in contributions and widespread connections between President Clinton, other Democrats and the Lippo banking conglomerate based in Indonesia, has raised the unpalatable question of whether the world's greatest power is for sale to the highest bidder.

> ‘The world's greatest power may be for sale to the highest bidder’

There is no evidence that the Riadys, the Lippo officials who first met Mr Clinton in Arkansas, have influenced diplomatic or foreign policy, but their circle acquired key administration jobs. John Huang, a former Lippo employee who joined the Commerce Department and became top Democratic fundraiser, has been relieved of his duties and his activities are being investigated.

Republicans scent Arkansas victory

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

IN AN otherwise bleak election season, one of the few bright spots on the Republican horizon is in President Clinton's native Arkansas.

In 13 days the state could send a Republican to the US Senate for the first time in its 160-year history. In doing so, it would wreck the Democrats' hopes of gaining the three more seats they need to recapture the Senate.

The high stakes demand relentless campaigning. As rainstorms pounded Arkansas on Monday, Tim Hutchinson, the Republican candidate, took to the relatively prosperous northwest while Winston Bryant, the Democrat, swept the rural south from Texarkana to El Dorado.

The latest poll shows the two men dead-level. Their national parties are pouring in money, making it the costliest race Arkansas has ever seen.

Arkansans resent the way their state's name has been blackened during Mr Clinton's presidency, but few blame him personally. If, for sentimental reasons, the state's Democrats turn out to support their home-grown President in his last election, Mr Bryant should squeak in. If they stay at home because a Clinton victory seems assured, Mr Bryant will lose. "Clinton at the top of the ticket is keeping Bryant in the race," says Charles Cook, a leading political analyst.

It is four years since Mr Clinton left Little Rock for Washington, but this race is a legacy of his 12 years as Governor. He and the state's two veteran senators, Dale Bumpers and David Pryor, dominated the Arkansas Democratic party so long that no new talent could develop.

Mr Bryant, the state's Attorney-General, is a remarkably weak replacement for the popular Mr Pryor, retiring after 18 years. He is a humourless man of 58, described by Max Brantley, editor of the pro-Democrat *Arkansas Times*, as a "plodder". By contrast, Mr Hutchinson is a personable, energetic 47-year-old family man. Personality matters almost more than party in a small place like Arkansas.

November 5 promises to be quite a night in Little Rock. The President and his supporters will be celebrating his seemingly inevitable re-election outside the old state house. Right next door, in the Doubletree Hotel, Mr Hutchinson may well be celebrating the capture of the President's old fiefdom.

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Halifax investors in line for £1,000 windfall

Mike Ellis, left, and David Gilchrist

By Marianne Curphey

BORROWERS and savers with the Halifax are in line for an average £1,000 bonus each when the building society becomes a bank in June next year. The payout will come in the form of free shares, which will be issued to all qualifying members when the society converts to a public listed company with a market capitalisation of £10 billion.

Members will be sent full details of the demutualisation plans in January, when they will be told how much they can expect as a windfall bonus. The document will also give an indication of the likely price range of Halifax shares, based on prevailing market conditions.

The Halifax announced yesterday that it had abandoned its right to five years of takeover protection from the date of its flotation. The five-year rule is designed to give societies time to adjust to the rigours of being a quoted company and is enshrined in building society legislation.

The decision gives Halifax the freedom to use its free capital as it wishes, but lays it open to hostile takeover bids. The only UK-quoted company that might consider a takeover is HSBC, the international bank capitalised at £22.6 billion and the parent of Midland Bank. Prudential, the insurance giant, is keen to acquire a building society and might consider a merger.

However, David Gilchrist, general manager of Halifax, said he was "not concerned" about a takeover. He believed the newly floated company would be too big. "We will be one of the top 25 companies in the FT-SE 100 after conversion and it would be odd for us to be protected in this way."

Halifax will convert by transferring its business to an existing subsidiary and floating it, rather than creating a new company for the share issue. By choosing this option the society will need at least half of its members to vote for the conversion.

Rob Thomas, building societies analyst with UBS, said that under the five-year rule the Halifax would have had to set aside 50 per cent of its free capital to protect members against the risk of it becoming insolvent. Other societies planning to float — the Woolwich, Alliance & Leicester and Northern Rock — are unlikely to follow the Halifax's lead.

Halifax has also announced that it will write next month to each of its members who could be eligible for free shares, giving information about their account balances and a reminder that they should have at least £100 in their accounts on December 31. This allows them to vote on conversion, a key factor in determining eligibility to receive free shares. If investing members are eligible for the variable distribution of extra free shares, in addition to the basic payout, they may need to top up their share accounts to match their balance at November 25, 1994, one of the qualifying dates.

A special general meeting will be held at the Sheffield Arena in February.

Members will receive details of their proposed share allocation in April or May, and Halifax shares will be listed on the London Stock Exchange in June. It intends to set up a share-dealing service, which will allow members to trade free for a certain period after conversion.

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£50m shortfall in National Savings books

By Robert Miller and Valerie Elliott

THE Government's savings arm has an unexplained £50 million black hole, according to a damning report published today.

Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office (NAO), in a 36-page document, lists a catalogue of serious accounting errors at National Savings, which looks after more than £57 billion on behalf of 30 million people. Many of these are retired, and have holdings in Pensioners Bonds, or are younger people under 18, with Children's Bonus Bonds purchased for them by relatives and godparents.

So alarmed is Sir John over the accounting procedures for looking after savers' cash at National Savings, which raises money from the public to help to fund the Government's borrowing requirements, that he has taken the unusual step of issuing the special report. The NAO's comptroller and auditor general, who is independent of the Government, says "achievement of a better standard of financial reporting should be a high priority" at National Savings.

Money held by National Savings, which was headed by David Butler during the period in question, is guaranteed by the Government. In the event of a shortfall, taxpayers would be expected to foot the bill through the Consolidated Fund. Mr Butler, who retired from his post last autumn, has taken up a role at the Princess Royal's Trust for Carers. His post was advertised offering a package in excess of £100,000.

Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, the department which oversees National Savings, said last night: "The NAO report is a matter of concern. I have spoken to Peter Bareau, the new head of National Savings, about this personally. Savers money is not at risk."

The most glaring shortfall relates to a temporary holding account that acts as a feeder for money handed over by the public before it is placed in the relevant account for each National Savings product. By its own figures, National Savings said it was owed £37 million by investors, while a related bank account was £28 million overdrawn.

Sir John describes the discrepancy as "significant unexplained balances" and points out that investors cannot owe money to the agency as their accounts are not credited until money has been received. He adds that there is "an increased potential risk that fraud and error could go undetected due to a failure to investigate promptly unexplained balances."

National Savings has blamed systems errors. Sir John, however, says that until a full review of the balance is completed, he will not know whether the taxpayer will have to meet the shortfall.

A £12 million deficit in cash was also identified from Post Office Counters to National Savings and a further £2.8 million was found missing between National Savings accounts and the total of its customer balances for investment and ordinary deposits.

The problems with the accounts have been so difficult to unravel that it was not until Wednesday this week that Sir John was able to lay before Parliament the National Savings accounts for 1993 and 1994.

He says in his report today: "Although the level of detected fraud at the agency is low, the problems identified weaken the agency's financial control systems whose purposes include the prevention and the detection of error and fraud.

"They also make it difficult to establish the precise liability of the Exchequer to National Savings investors with the possibility that provision may have to be made in the future from public funds to meet liabilities to investors not currently reflected in the accounts."

Sir John continues: "Overall they lead to a greater degree of uncertainty over the accuracy of the financial statements than should be the case."

On the missing £12 million from Post Office Counters, it has been impossible to establish whether it is down to computer errors, or accounting errors on cash received from the company.

On the discrepancy between the accounts and the customer balance of investment and ordinary deposits, National Savings told the NAO that it has introduced new systems in processing customer accounts.

MPs on the Commons Public Accounts Committee are to investigate the situation further in December when they will quiz Mr Bareau about the accounts.

National Savings said last night: "We acknowledge that there are weaknesses, but we have known that for some time and we are working to redress the situation."

Emap acts to resolve split over rules row

By Oliver August and Jason Nisse

EMAP, the publishing group, will call an extraordinary meeting to resolve a boardroom split between Sir John Hoskyns, the chairman, and two non-executive directors who attacked him over a change in the articles of association.

Professor Ken Simmonds and Joe Cooke objected to rule changes that could be used to force them off the board without consulting shareholders. The board, with the exception of the two non-executives, will now ask shareholders to approve their removal at the egm.

Emap said: "The board gave unanimous backing, with the exception of two non-executive directors, to Sir John Hoskyns following a call for his removal from one of those two directors, Professor Simmonds."

At a board meeting yesterday Sir John is believed to have asked Prof Simmonds and Mr Cooke to drop their objections, saying that the matter had been dealt with at the annual meeting. They refused on the grounds that the changed rules were an example of bad corporate governance.

Emap shares finished the day at 712½p, down from 744½p. Earlier this year, the shares traded at 784p.

ANDRÉ CAMARA

Geof Kaley will stage a convention for taxi drivers

Cabbies may opt for a market trip

By Oliver August

LONDON'S taxi drivers may soon have something else to complain about in addition to traffic jams, foreign tourists, politicians and lack of tips — the poor performance of their share options.

More than 5,000 drivers have an interest in Computer Cabs, a subsidiary of the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association, a co-operative that is considering a listing on the Alternative Investment Market.

Computer Cab's flotation plans arise from the successful testing of the first satellite-based taxi-locating network in the UK. The new Global Positioning System will cost £7.5 million and the company wants to raise half through the stock market. A final decision on the float will be taken at a cabbie convention on November 17.

Geof Kaley, managing director, said: "The convention could go on all day and all night knowing the drivers. We don't want to leave a bitter taste by not giving everyone a chance to have their say."

Mr Kaley expects that 30 to 40 per cent of the equity will be floated and that no dividends will be paid in the first two or three years. All cabbies will be encouraged to buy shares and may be eligible for a discount or at least get priority allocations.

Computer Cab has had 18 years of uninterrupted profits. Its results make it the largest operator in the UK licensed taxi industry.

Turnover for the year to September 30, 1995, was £33.5 million, with pre-tax profits of £450,000. Results for the year just ended are expected to show turnover of more than £36 million and pre-tax profits of not less than £500,000.

Mr Kaley hopes to expand Computer Cabs to Glasgow and Manchester using extra profits made from business gained through the Global Positioning System.

The system is technically more advanced than similar networks operated by the military. He said: "We have to operate in very deep canyons, especially in the narrow streets with tall buildings in the City."

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New York:		
Dow Jones	5998.82	(-37.64)*
S&P Composite	704.38	(-2.89)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5½%)
Long Bond	98$\frac{17}{32}$*	(98$\frac{21}{32}$)
Yield	6.87%*	(6.83%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5$\frac{21}{32}$%	(6%)
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London:		
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Brent 15-day (Jan)	$23.25	($23.45)

GOLD

London close	$383.05	($383.55)

* denotes midday trading price

Turning point

ICI shares rose 17p, to 792½p, after the City detected a turning point in the company's problems in the third-quarter figures. Profits, however, fell by 47 per cent, to £131 million, for the third quarter of the year. **Page 27**

Float sinks

Principal Hotels has abandoned plans to float on the stock market next month after failing to fetch the £110 million market value that it had hoped for. The company, which sought to raise £50 million, said that its placing price had come under pressure. **Page 30**

Sharples nets $57m from ICV sale

By Robert Miller

CHRISTOPHER Sharples, former head of the Securities and Futures Authority, the City watchdog, is set to net around $57 million from the sale of ICV, the private company that runs the Stock Exchange's company news service.

ICV, set up by Mr Sharples in 1981, is being acquired by Primark, the US business information company that owns Datastream in the UK, for about $105 million in cash and shares. At the same time Primark and ICV are to team up with Dow Jones in an Anglo-American financial information partnership to challenge Reuters's traditional dominance of the estimated $5 billion market place.

Mr Sharples, who set up the company with David Taylor, owns 54 per cent of ICV shares while the 160-strong staff own 10 per cent. Mr Sharples and Mr Taylor, who are set to net $57 million and $18 million respectively from the sale of their successful "real-time" data and news business company, will remain as chairman and chief executive.

The second part of the deal brings in Dow Jones, one of America'a leading providers of news and market information, and which also publishes *The Wall Street Journal*. Dow Jones Telerate, which provides real time share price information from 129 stock exchanges is to link up with Primark and ICV. The new partnership will give clients, such as traders, performance analysts and fund managers, instant access to live information and financial news as well as historical data on companies, their corporate earnings and broker estimates and research from one source.

Mr Sharples, who also heads GNI, the derivatives broking firm, said that ICV wanted to broaden its base outside the UK market and the firm had talked to a number of parties. He added that the choice of Primark "was a meeting of kindred spirits" and that he was "happily" locked in to run ICV in the future.

Joseph Kasputys, chairman of Primark, said: "In the UK alone, ICV and Datastream have combined revenues of over $100 million annually. By bringing these two operations together under a tested management team, we can combine their capabilities to deliver integrated real-time and historical information products."

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Plunge in profits at Philips exceeds forecasts

By Oliver August

PHILIPS, the Dutch electronics group, yesterday reported a fall in its third-quarter profits that was even more severe than most analysts had feared.

Net profits plunged to £50 million, from £215 million. Analysts had been forecasting a figure between £100 million and £150 million after an earlier profit warning.

The group also announced a £400 million extraordinary restructuring charge for the final quarter. *Shares in Philips* fell by 5 per cent on the Amsterdam bourse.

Cor Boonstra, the chairman of Philips, said: "Analysis of our business demonstrates the need to accelerate planned actions for recovery.

"Consequently we anticipate we will recognise a charge in the fourth quarter of 1996 of approximately one billion guilders before tax."

Philips said that the expected recovery in its sales and income had not materialised.

The group said: "In addition to the lower than expected sales growth and increasing price erosion in various markets, income was affected by unfavourable developments, particularly in the semiconductor industry and in passive components, and the costs associated with our entry into the consumer communications business."

Finance costs climbed to £275 million, from £240 million, reflecting the increasing cost of servicing the company's greater debt load.

The Dutch union representing the Philips workforce said that it expected the shedding of 2,500 jobs in The Netherlands.

A union spokeswoman said: "The 2,500 job losses we foresee come on top of the 1,000 jobs which will be scrapped under a previously announced reorganisation."

She said that the union began its calculations when Philips warned last week that profits would be lower, and that today's figures supported the theory that more jobs would have to go.

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Sir John Egan, left, chief executive of BAA, and Russell Watts, finance director, with a three-dimensional model of Terminal 5

CAA smooths path for funding of Terminal 5

By Carl Mortished

THE Civil Aviation Authority has rejected a harsh pricing formula for landing charges at London's three major airports. The regulator for the airport industry has decided to support the British Airports Authority's desire for a smooth pricing formula that will allow it to pre-fund construction of *Terminal 5.*

The CAA has adopted the core recommendations of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and BAA's revenues from landing fees at Heathrow and Gatwick will be allowed to rise by the rate of inflation minus 3 per cent for the five years from April 1, 1997. Charges at Stansted will be permitted to increase at the faster rate of RPI-1. The figures assume that BAA will be able to pre-fund £230 million of the cost of the terminal.

Cliff Paice, the CAA's director of economic regulation, admitted the regime might be seen to be "kind" to BAA but indicated that the pricing for*mula was endorsed by airline* customers keen to support the construction of Terminal 5. The MMC left the option open to the CAA to back an RPI-8 formula from 1997 to 2002, followed by a sharp increase in landing charges when the terminal opens.

But Mr Paice said that the new formula would require the next regulatory review to take into account BAA's earnings over 1997-2002, which have been set higher to allow the company to support its £4 billion construction programme. Mr Paice indicated that the airlines wanted assurances that the investments would be carried out on time.

In future, the CAA will publish an annual regulatory review of the airports, which is intended to allow the airlines to monitor BAA's performance. Mr Paice said that the annual review would have no powers to revise the pricing formula but the regime could be altered if BAA failed to proceed with Terminal 5.

BAA yesterday welcomed the proposals but described the formula as "challenging". A spokesman said that the allowance of a 70p increase in the charge per passenger for the expected abolition of European duty-free sales in 1999 was insufficient to cover the lost income. The CAA is also *abolishing a levy on suppliers* operating for the airlines, which contributed £11 million per annum. He said that BAA will be expected to improve productivity by 4 per cent and achieve a 15 per cent reduction in construction costs.

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CBI offers ideas on regulation reforms

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

THE Confederation of British Industry yesterday sought to silence advocates of wholesale reform of utility regulation, arguing that the regulators should be subject to evolution rather than revolution.

The CBI entered the debate over regulation, which will intensify next week with the opening of the first of two parliamentary investigations, with a recommendation to improve accountability, transparency and consistency of policy.

But it strongly opposed a fundamental change of the system although it conceded that regulators were viewed as *highly individualised* and that reform was needed. It said that regulation needed to alter in the light of experience.

Peter Agar, CBI deputy director-general, said: "Evolution must be based on sound business practice rather than radical reform based on theory and ideology."

A CBI group with more than a quarter of the representatives coming from the main *utilities urged that regulators* should retain individual offices but be bolstered by advisory panels with the responsibilities of non-executive directors.

Mr Agar said: "Proposals to dismantle the RPI-X price cap formula need thorough examination before a case for change can be made.

"Improvements can be made by ensuring that the regulators are properly resourced and skilled to carry out the necessary analysis of each industry's economics and business strategies and by requiring regulators to give clearly reasoned decisions to the industry and customers alike."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Liquidation likely at Classic Bloodstock II

CLASSIC BLOODSTOCK II, the racing investment company that raised £2.7 million from thousands of investors in late 1994, is expected to take the first steps towards voluntary liquidation today. The company accounts to be presented to shareholders at the annual meeting at Ely, Cambridge, will show that about £1.6 million of investors' funds *was spent on* marketing and promotion while a further £800,000 went on postage and stationery. Classic Bloodstock, the original company within the racing investment group, raised £3 million from 6,500 investors. Of this, more than £800,000 was spent on promotion and mailing glossy brochures to *millions of investors from lists of privatisation shareholders.* Classic Bloodstock then spent £1.3 million buying 24 horses.

The Department of Trade and Industry launched an investigation into the running of Classic Bloodstock II earlier this year. This is still in progress. It also investigated the first Classic Bloodstock and recommended that Maureen Moorcroft, a director and wife of Ron Dawson, founder and chairman of Classic, be replaced "by someone with more experience". Fraser Earle, of Classic Watch, an investors' action group, said: "Shareholders need a full explanation on where all the money went from Classic Bloodstock II."

Irish papers for sale

MORE than a year after they disappeared from newstands throughout the Republic of Ireland, the three newspaper titles in the Press Group are up for sale. Last night, Irish Press Publications (IPP) said that it will convene an extraordinary meeting of shareholders to approve the board's decision to sell the three newspapers titles — the *Irish Press, The Sunday Press* and the *Evening Press.* The company said that it was no longer practical to pursue the relaunch of the titles through IPP.

Record income at P&G

PROCTER & GAMBLE achieved a 9 per cent increase in net income to a record $979 million in the third quarter from $896 million in spite of a decline in worldwide sales. In spite of record unit sales volume worldwide, its sales for the quarter slipped to $8.90 billion, from $9.03 billion, primarily because of the strong dollar. P&G shares fell $4.25 to $92 in early trading on Wall Street. The company's brands range from Tide detergent to Pampers nappies and Hawaiian Punch drinks.

Virgin may lift air bid

VIRGIN EXPRESS said that it may increase its offer for Air Liberté, the ailing French carrier, to try to trump a bid by British Airways. Jonathan Ornstein, chief executive of Virgin Express, said that it was "still formulating a plan". BA became favourite to win Air Liberté when Rivaud, the French bank that was a founding shareholder of the French carrier, joined its bid. BA has said that it would make a FFr440 million equity investment for a 70 per cent stake in Air Liberté and Rivaud would put up FFr190 million for 30 per cent.

Germany holds rates

THE Bundesbank yesterday kept leading German interest rates unchanged. The discount rate stays at 2.5 per cent and the Lombard rate remains at 4.5 per cent. The German central bank's key money market repurchase rate was also left unchanged at 3 per cent for the next fortnight. The announcement was expected in the financial markets, particularly after Otmar Issing, the Bundesbank's chief economist, said earlier this week that there was no reason to expect a further cut in German rates.

Whitbread to sell chain

WHITBREAD is seeking a buyer for its Keg restaurants, the 81-strong Canadian and North-West American chain. The company, which sold its Australian Keg restaurants last year, declined to put a value on the operation, which it said is trading profitably and growing sales. David Thomas, managing director of Whitbread's restaurants and leisure division, said the decision to sell was "a question of priorities". Earlier this year, Whitbread paid £133 million to take over the Pelican Group, owner of the Café Rouge and Dome outlets.

Pace wins French order

PACE MICRO TECHNOLOGY, the world's largest manufacturer of satellite receivers, has won a £25 million order from Canal Plus, the French pay-TV broadcaster, for its decoders. Pace is installing an extra production line in its plant in Shipley, Yorkshire, at a cost of £960,000, to cope with the new order. The deal strengthens the company's prospects of expanding in other European countries in which Canal Plus broadcasts. Pace shares rose 1p to 230p, against a flotation price of 172p three months ago.

Nasdaq game plan

EIDOS, the computer games manufacturer, is seeking a listing on the Nasdaq exchange in an effort to raise up to $70 million to fund its US expansion. The company said that there were 20 similar stocks on Nasdaq, while on the London Stock Exchange, Eidos was the only company of its kind. In the three months to June 30, its pre-tax losses contracted to £165,000 (£2.28 million loss), equating to 5.81p per share (19.3p per share). Most progress would be made in its second half, the group said. The shares rose 2½p to 795p.

Index points to growth

A KEY consumer indicator yesterday signalled a considerable increase in the forces driving the British economic expansion next year, suggesting a sharp pick up in the rate of growth. NTC, the research company, said that its consumer industries' longer-term leading indicator rose in September to reach a record for the fourth month running. NTC said that among the strongest components of its index were tighter labour market conditions, significant growth in consumer goods industries' output and a buoyant television advertising market.

Millennium Chemicals slides after demerger

From Richard Thomson in New York

MILLENNIUM Chemicals has reported a steep fall in third-quarter profits to $155 million, from $215 million, in its first financial results since the demerger from Hanson. Sales were almost unchanged at $769 million.

Millennium, which became independent on October 1, said that on a pro-forma basis, net income from continuing operations was sharply down, at $22 million. This compared to $86 million in the same quarter of 1995 as falling prices and rising raw material costs took its toll on the company's profitability. Comparison with last year also suffered because 1991 was a peak year for earnings.

Millennium, the largest producer of polyethylene products in America, suffered a 10 per cent fall in earnings from polyethylene, to $94 million. The company said that for every one cent change in margins on these products, there was a $40 million impact on profits.

Workers pile on the hours

By Noel Fung

THE elusive "feel-good" factor is starting to filter through to British industry, but workers are paying a big price by putting in up to 20 extra hours a week because of heavy workloads.

More than half of 1,000 employees polled by the Institute of Personnel and Development said that they worked more hours per week than they are contracted to, with managers toiling away for 60 or more hours a week.

Many workers feel that they are stretched to their limit, with 34 per cent saying that they are working very hard and 35 per cent commenting that they could not work any harder.

Working extra hours was motivated by a sense of obligation for 57 per cent of the respondents, while about 16 per cent said that they needed the money. Three per cent fear losing their jobs if they refuse to work longer hours. Only 7 per cent attribute their extra work to love of the job.

Angela Baron, IPD policy adviser, said: "In the long term, it is unlikely that people can keep up with the punishing pace of work we are witnessing, and the trick is going to be to balance short-term gains with long-term effectiveness."

The IPD's annual conference, in Harrogate, was also told of some optimism creeping into the workplace. Two out of three employees said that they were no longer worried about being laid off.

Four out of five people feel that they are fairly treated by their employers and have a strong sense of stability in their jobs.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

C.P. POKPHAND CO. LTD.

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

The Interim Report of C.P. Pokphand Co. Ltd. (the "Company") will be posted to shareholders on 28th October, 1996. Copies of the same will be available to members of the public upon application to the Company's UK Registrar at the following address:

Independent Registrars Group
Limited,
Bourne House,
34 Beckenham Road,
Beckenham,
Kent, BR3 4TU

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charities: 1. Kaiser Wilhelm II Fund. 2. Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for German Orphans. 3. Charity of Emily Pfeiffer.

Scheme for the regulation of the Charities.

Reference: FC-214283/18603-CD(Ldn).

The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for these charities. A copy can be seen for the next month at 12 Gough Square London EC4A 3DE or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the reference above.

Date: 25 October 1996

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity - The Grand Metropolitan Charitable Trust Scheme to vary Trust Deed dated 4 June 1981.

The Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity.

A copy can be seen for the next month at Bates, Wells & Braithwaite, 61 Charterhouse Street, London WC1M 6HA or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to St, Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting reference number TRB-29806-CD (Ldn).

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LEGAL NOTICES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

WE, LAURENCE RALPH GORDON now residing at 79 Rossetti Road, South Bermondsey, London SE16 3EY having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Regional Sales Manager, and MARY THERESA HOLDING now residing at 79 Rossetti Road, South Bermondsey, London SE16 3EY having during the past six months been unemployed, and being persons interested in the premises described below do hereby give notice that it is our intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Division to be held at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London N.W.10. on the 12th day of November 1996, for the provisional grant to us of a Justices' licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption On the premises about to be altered or extended for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of intoxicating liquor situated at 14 Queensbury Station Parade, Edgware, Middlesex and to be known by the sign of Kavanaghs Bar, of which premises Metropolitan Properties Co. (FGC) Limited is the owner

DATED this 18th day of October 1996

Hodders of 11 Station Road Harlesden, London NW10 4UD Solicitors and Agents for the Applicant

LEGAL NOTICES

LANGSTONE YACHTING LIMITED

Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that on the 21st October 1996 the above-named company approved a payment of £470,000 out of capital for the purpose of purchasing 700630 of its own A Ordinary shares and 700630 of its own B Ordinary shares of 25p each that the statutory declaration of the directors and the auditor's report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office at Fort Cumberland Road Southsea Hampshire PO4 9EJ and that any creditor of the Company may at any time within the 5 weeks immediately following the aforementioned date apply to the Court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment

M.J. Hill - DIRECTOR

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

WE, GERARD GREALIS of 127 High Street, Harlesden, London N.W.10, MARTIN PAUL FORRISTAL of 7 Priory Crescent, Sudbury, Middlesex and JOSEPH DONAL DOLAN of 13A Walm Lane, Willesden, London N.W.2. hereby give you notice that we intend to apply to the said Licensing Justices at the Transfer Sessions to be held at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London N.W.10. on the 12th day of November 1996, for a Special Hours Certificate under Section 77 of the Licensing Act 1964 for the licensed premises situate at 11A and 13A Walm Lane, Willesden, London N.W.2 and known as Angies III.

DATED this 17th day of October 1996

Hodders of 11 Station Road Harlesden, London NW10 4UD Solicitors and Agents for the Applicant

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.106(1)

Mozey Savon (Chartering) Ltd -In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation-

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, S E Dayman, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 15 October 1996. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated: 17 October 1996

S E Dayman
Liquidator

DAISY ROOTS 1986 LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the creditors of Daisy Roots (1986) Limited will be held at 10.30 am on 1st November 1996 at Redwood Lodge Hotel, Beggar Bush Lane, Failand, Bristol BS2 3TG for the purposes provided for in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Milsted Langdon, Winchester House, Deane Gate Avenue, Taunton TA1 2UH on the 28th and 28th days of October 1996.

Dated the 21st day of October 1996

By Order of the Board
RICHARD PARKER, Director

LICENSING ACT 1964
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We, Perry Kilgo, Stephen Robert Drake and Matthew Eaglestone each c/o Mercury House, Hangar Green, London W5 3DA having for the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Sales Manager, Area Manager and Manager respectively do hereby give notice that it is our intention to apply to the Licensing Justices for the North Westminster Petty Sessional Division at the Transfer Sessions to be held at The Magistrates' Court, First Floor 185 Marylebone Road, London on Tuesday 12 November 1996 at 10.30 am for the grant to us of a Justices' Licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption off the premises occupying the basement area situate at 104-105 Bayswater Road, London W2 3HT the site being known as Shell Bayswater as more particularly defined on a plan deposited with the Clerk to the Licensing Justices.

Dated this 21st Day of October 1996

EVERSHEDS
Solicitors and Authorised Agents On behalf of the Applicants
11/12 Queen Square
Bristol BS1 4NT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, KAL JANG ANG KAWANG LAMA now residing at 210 Preston Road, North Wembley, Middlesex, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Assistant Manager, and being a person interested in the premises described below do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Division to be held at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London N.W.10. on the 12th day of November 1996, for the provisional grant to me of a Justices' licence authorising me to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption On the premises about to be altered or extended for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of intoxicating liquor situated at 210 Preston Road, North Wembley, Middlesex and to be known by the sign of Spice of Preston, of which premises Cobas Properties Limited is the owner.

DATED this 11th day of October 1996

Hoddens of 11 Station Road Harlesden, London NW10 4UD Solicitors and Agents for the Applicant

The Insolvency Act 1986
SYSTEM DENTAL INTERIORS LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 11th November 1996 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts SG8 5EA at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 14th day of October 1996 By Order of the Board

K. BLAND, Director

Deutsche Bank sees 27% rise

By Oliver August

DEUTSCHE BANK, Germany's largest bank, reported a *27 per cent rise in pre-tax* profits to DM3 billion for the first nine months of 1996 in spite of the fiasco at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in London.

The gain was down primarily to commission-based revenue, which rose by DM1 billion over the period, the bank said, while interest income was only slightly higher.

Hilmar Kopper, the chairman, said: "We expect that this positive development in the results will continue in the final quarter of 1996."

Provisions for bad and doubtful debts rose 14.8 per cent to DM1.2 billion for the nine months. Analysts had said earnings would suffer from added risk provisions to cover the injection of £180 million into Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, its UK subsidiary.

Changes to stamp duty cheer City

By Robert Miller

THE Stock Exchange yesterday welcomed new rules on *stamp duty for trading in UK* shares by market-makers and broker-dealers that were announced by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

Mr Clarke said that under the new regime relief from stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax would be available to firms registered as intermediaries on any recognised investment exchange or European Economic Area regulated *market. The Chancellor* has taken account of representations from market practioners and has not put a time limit on holding the investments to qualify for the tax relief as this would have had an adverse effect of the futures and options market.

Exchange sources looked forward to the abolition of all stamp duty on share dealings.

Tax inquiry 'heavy-handed'

By Keith Rodgers

THE Inland Revenue has been accused of "prejudiced" and "heavy-handed" behaviour by an independent Special Commissioner.

The accusation comes after a lengthy tax *investigation* that saw an undercover officer counting the number of whitebait served at a restaurant in Southend, Essex.

The commissioner rejected a £20,000 *demand* made by the inspectors after an inquiry into the tax affairs of the Farthings Steak House. In his judgment he concluded that the Revenue had acted "wholly unreasonably", and also awarded costs to the restaurant owners.

Details of the judgment come two weeks after tax officials were accused by Elizabeth Filkin, the independent financial adjudicator, of "incompetence, insensitivity and *indifference" in their handling* of tax disputes.

John Gwyer, tax investigations specialist at Levy Gee, the accountant, has now called on the Inland Revenue to *mount an internal inquiry into* all the tax investigations that have been held in the Southend district over the past four or five years.

The Revenue launched the Farthings *investigation on the* basis that the 50 per cent gross profit declared by the restaurant was lower than it expected for the area. According to Mr Gwyer, during the inquiry an undercover London tax inspector ordered a meal to count the number of whitebait he was served, and then used it to calculate the number of portions that could be obtained from the restaurant's bulk fish purchases.

The commissioner said that due care *and diligence* was not exercised by the Revenue, that a memo betrayed "a certain amount of prejudice", that the approach throughout was "heavy-handed" and that the *Revenue had "shown bad* faith" in connection with the hearing.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.11	1.95
Austria Sch	18.07	16.57
Belgium Fr	52.98	48.68
Canada $	2.252	2.082
Cyprus Cyp£	0.7727	0.7177
Denmark Kr	9.88	9.08
Finland Mkk	7.86	7.21
France Fr	8.60	7.95
Germany Dm	2.581	2.371
Greece Dr	396	371
Hong Kong $	12.98	11.96
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.040	0.980
Israel Shk	5.48	4.83
Italy Lira	2550	2395
Japan Yen	194.10	178.10
Malta	0.616	0.561
Netherlds Gld	2.875	2.645
New Zealand $	2.43	2.21
Norway Kr	10.85	10.05
Portugal Esc	258.00	237.50
S Africa Rd	7.90	7.10
Spain Pta	211.00	198.00
Sweden Kr	11.13	10.33
Switzerland Fr	2.130	1.950
Turkey Lira	155800	147800
USA $	1.695	1.565

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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☐ What next for floated society? ☐ European Court ruling unlikely to spark rush ☐ CBI's bland formula for change

No Xtra help needed at Halifax

☐ THE HALIFAX is to be congratulated on refusing a five-year protection period from takeover, even if the society's motives may not be entirely pure and the risk being taken on is not as great as it might appear. This is going to be the biggest single extension of private share ownership the country has ever seen, outstripping even the privatisation programme of the past decade and a half.

Between 1980 and 1990, the number of private shareholders grew by about eight million. Most joined the share-owning classes by buying into BT, British Gas or the other big public utilities. The Halifax will have nine million shareholders from the off, which certainly justifies the free share-dealing service on offer to push a few back out of the revolving door, and will be worth £10 billion. Such a company is not immune from attack — even ICI attracted Lord Hanson's roving eye — but you have to be a pretty incompetent management to get taken over at that size.

The society's reasons for shunning a government-sanctioned defence against hostile takeover are down to corporate ambition. Those building societies that decide to convert by switching the business to a company formed for that purpose are required to create a priority liquidation distribution right. This ties up half the capital as an insurance against subsequent failure. The Halifax route, transferring its business to an existing subsidiary and floating this, allows more cash to be spent on acquisitions or other expansion, but does not bring with it any restriction on the size of shareholding outsiders can take.

So far, so technical. There is a strong case that this five-year umbrella for most societies is unfair to the new investors, who might expect a management incentivised by the fear of takeover worrying most public companies. Fair point; but *vide* gift horses and dentists, they never paid for the shares in the first place. Mike Blackburn, Halifax chief executive, has given himself more freedom to buy another society, but the strange delay since plans to convert were announced two years ago means he has probably missed the boat on the Woolwich and the Alliance & Leicester, both of which will hit the stock market within months of the Halifax. The other, smaller ones will, of course, have that five-year protection.

An easier option would be one of the life insurance companies. This is the way the market is moving, and any hesitation come next summer's market debut will not look too smart once the supply of these starts to dry up. The most radical move would be a merger with one of the bigger companies. The Prudential is known to have designs on the Woolwich, but a combined Pru-Halifax would be a mighty force indeed on the high street.

However, one does wonder how the personalities of Peter Davis, chief executive of the Pru, and Mr Blackburn might mix.

VAT repayment bill doesn't add up

☐ AS Private Fraser of *Dad's Army* would put it, "We're all doomed!" The government will fall, the nation will go bust, pensioners will starve in the streets while the new breed of VAT billionaires and their floozies flaunt their riches before a sullen populace. The bill to the Exchequer from yesterday's

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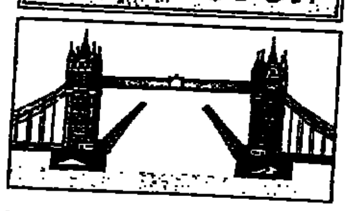

European Court VAT ruling has been put at £40 billion.

That figure is demonstrably wrong, as the accountants at whose door it was laid, Coopers & Lybrand, freely admit. Still, it did have Whitehall sources muttering about the damage done by "back of the envelope calculations by accountants who like seeing their names in the papers." The figure is wrong because the predictions on which it is based are not going to be fulfilled. It assumes every VAT review of its kind going to Europe, and there are said to be about a hundred, will succeed. It assumes that every award will be backdated to April Fool's Day 1973, the black day when VAT first appeared on these shores.

The VATman has been on a bad streak of late, losing to voluntary sports bodies and opticians, but he is not going to luck out every time. There is no way all awards will be backdated to 1973, because many rely on Euro-legislation brought in after that date. Finally, there is a rule to be introduced into the Budget that will limit awards to just three years' VAT back-payments.

This is being challenged by a motley bunch of appellants, including the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the store group GUS, but once it is law their efforts will be as naught. It might seem unfair that the Customs & Excise allows itself to collect six years' of unpaid VAT where this is owed, but there you are.

It is clearly unacceptable for the Exchequer to have such a huge potential bill hanging over it, and trying to limit that liability seems only good government. If huge repayments are sanctioned by the European Court, from which, surprise, there is no appeal, they will have to be met by the taxpayer. And do you really believe the firms who win such repayments will use the money to cut their prices to those consumers who were overcharged in the first place?

Pat on the head for watchdogs

☐ NEVER a dull moment in the utilities, what with bumper salaries, shareholder payouts and falling standards of service. Next week begins the first of two rounds of parliamentary inquiry into the performance of those people on whose regulation of the utilities we must rely.

The CBI presented yesterday an apologetic halfway house approach, one so crumbling no estate agent would touch it. No overhaul of the pricing formula — which its critics say has meant large incentives for the companies and their shareholders and little obvious benefits flowing to the consumers. No utilities commission — which would obliterate the cult of personality and also the dangers of immersion into an industry, of going native, that regulation of a single sector can bring.

No, the CBI's answer to the fuss that has grown up around the privatised utilities is. . .evolution. All the regulators should retain their individual offices but be a little better advised from a wider range of opinion. Panels should surround the regulator, but with the measured powers of non-executives.

Quite what this would solve is hard to see. The regulators are meant to consult on a wide basis. But then, despite its criticism of how the regulators are perceived, the CBI thinks they are not doing too badly really. And who arrived at this ground-breaking advocacy of the status quo with one or two nips and tucks? A CBI panel with more than a quarter of its members drawn from the major utilities.

Sound thinking

☐ WHEN British builders were brought in to renovate our rather grand but delapidated embassy at one of the former Iron Curtain capitals a few years ago, they found their local predecessors had carried out some unusual and extensive electrical work. The place was bugged to the rafters, to no one's great surprise. Another builder, Taylor Woodrow, has won the job to rebuild our Moscow embassy. The company says it is employing its own electricians.

ICI pleases market as savings begin to work

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

SHARES in Imperial Chemical Industries recovered yesterday after the City detected a turning point to the company's problems with its third-quarter figures.

The share price rose 17p to 792½p, although the results fell at the bottom end of analysts' expectations and caused some to mark down next year's forecasts. But positive sentiment surrounded ICI's restructuring.

The company, which is implementing a plan started in 1995 to deliver cost savings of £400 million by the end of next year, recorded a pre-tax profits drop of 47 per cent to £131 million for the third quarter compared with the same period last year.

Sir Ronald Hampel, chairman, said the lower profits reflected tough trading conditions in industrial chemicals. He said cyclical price falls in polyester, titanium dioxide and chlorine, along with rising oil prices, had impacted on margins. But destocking, which has dogged the sector, was showing signs of abating and that sales volumes increased across most areas. ICI drew some cheer from its paints division, where profits jumped to £57 million, from £32 million. Much of the rise was fuelled by acquisitions. Paint prices increased 3 per cent, while sales of decorative paint in the UK rose 18 per cent.

Materials profits for the nine months of £161 million were up 12 per cent, although the company complained of difficult market conditions. Volumes in acrylics have been lower than last year, although the third quarter saw a lift in volumes from the same period of 1995.

The company reduced its workforce by 4 per cent in the first nine months and said it was on target to deliver the promised 5 per cent annual reduction in jobs. Worldwide, the jobs toll has been 950 this year, about 150 of them from the UK.

Alan Spall, finance director, said that the sweeping cost reduction programme was ahead of schedule and that savings of £90 million had been delivered this year. At its interim stage, ICI had taken a £137 million exceptional charge in order to speed up the efficiency drive.

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Baird closures put focus on M&S work

By Keith Rodgers

WILLIAM BAIRD, clothing supplier to Marks & Spencer, plans to cut up to 500 jobs and stop dealing with a range of retailers, as part of a divestment programme.

David Suddens, chief executive, yesterday outlined proposals to sell the remaining engineering business, non-clothing activities, a number of smaller brands and the non-M&S contract supply operations. The shake-up, which includes a stock reduction programme, will lead to provisions of between £23.6 million and £28.6 million this year. Mr Suddens said William Baird plans to close one factory next month, another in the second half of 1997, and would consider shutting a smaller third operation. The two larger sites employ about 200 people each. It expects to see overseas production expand.

The company plans to focus on its M&S contract clothing, which currently accounts for about 30 per cent of sales, and its UK and international core branded clothing business. It is in negotiations with two potential bidders over the sale of ACR Heat Transfer, its engineering business.

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News Corp issue to raise $1bn

By Jason Nissé

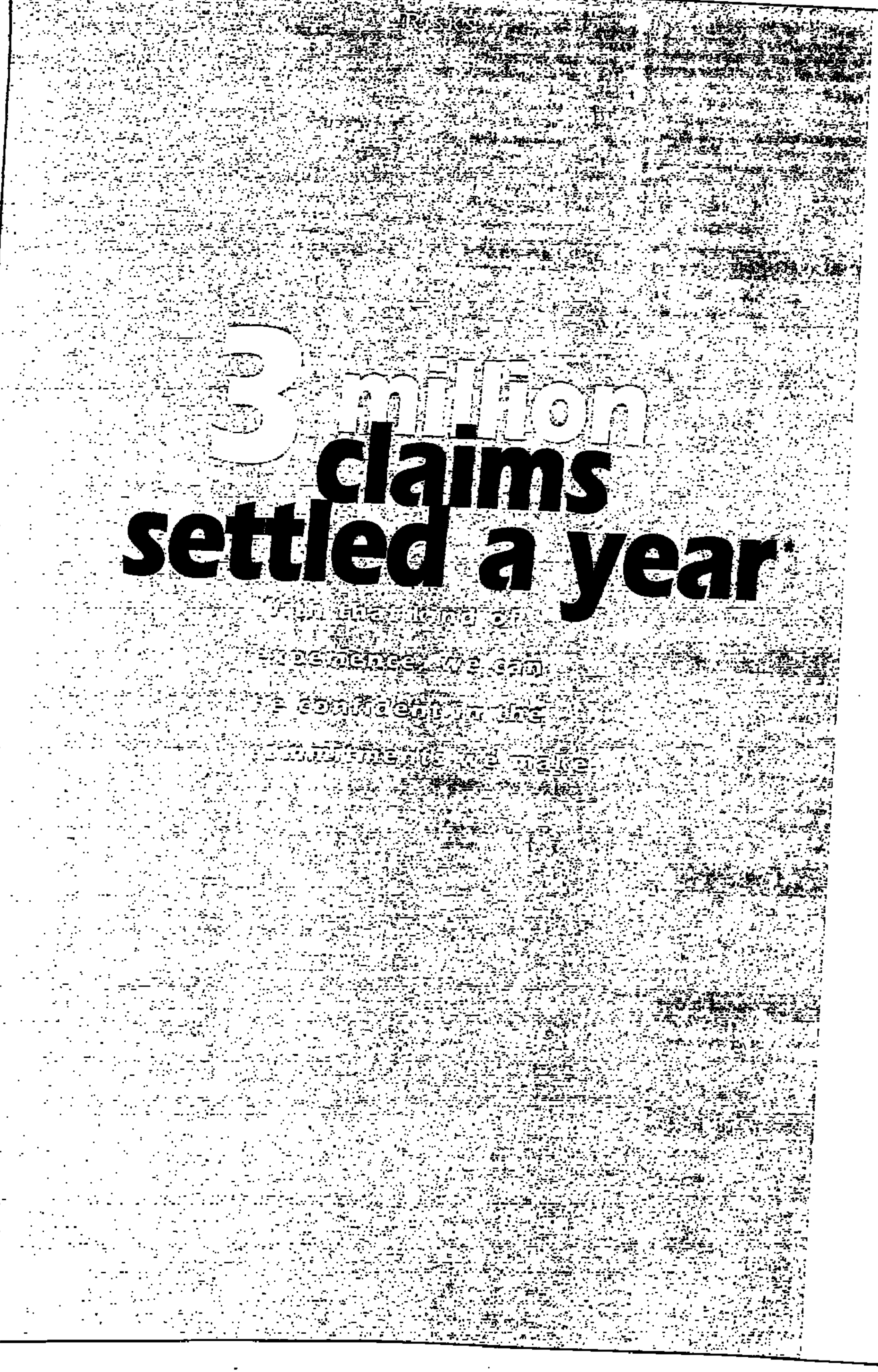
THE NEWS CORPORATION is to issue $1 billion of securities that will be exchangeable into ordinary shares or American depository shares of British Sky Broadcasting, in which it has a 40 per cent holding via News International.

The securities, Exchangeable Trust Originated Preferred Securities, are to be issued by News America Holdings Inc by the middle of next month and the issue will be managed by Merrill Lynch, the US investment bank. News Corp is the parent company of *The Times*.

The securities carry warrants that allow the holders to choose to swap them for BSkyB shares. Under the terms of the bonds, News America will not be required to deliver the actual shares but may deliver cash instead.

The issue capitalises on the strong performance of BSkyB shares since they were floated last year at 243p. The shares hit a high of 696½p this week. Since then they have fallen back, and lost 39½p to close at 596½p yesterday.

The shares were affected by a report that the European Commission was to investigate BSkyB's four-year deal with the FA Carling Premiership to transmit live football. The Commission denied the report. "There has been no complaint about this deal," a spokesman for Karel Van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, said.



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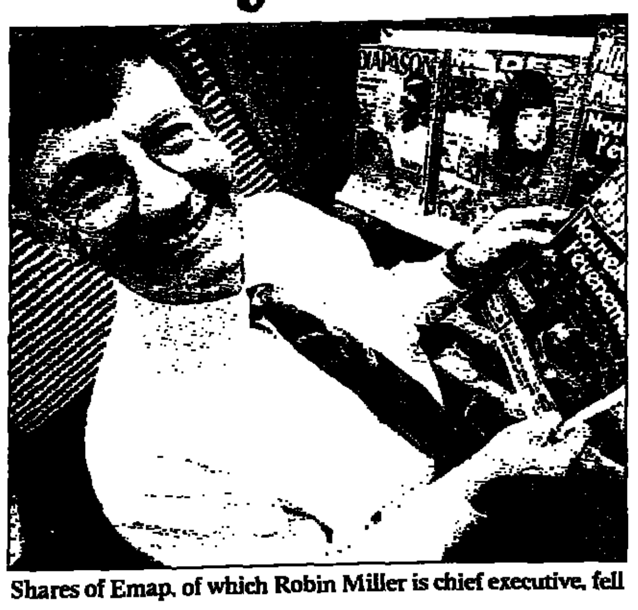
Profit-taking pulls shares below key 4,000 level



Shares of Emap, of which Robin Miller is chief executive, fell

THE stock market's recent record-breaking gains were further eroded yesterday. Profit-taking and a weak Wall Street pulled the market back below the key 4,000 level, and dealers said the market could be in for a further slide today.

In generally subdued trading the brightest spots were provided by flurries of bid speculation and a handful of company announcements.

The gilts market ran out of steam in spite of a morning rally after the Bank of England's £1.5 billion auction, which was covered nearly three times over.

The FT-SE 100 ended down 29 points at 3,999.4 in thin trade that just over 500 million shares changing hands.

ICI led the FT-SE 100 table for much of the day when even the best performers registered only modest gains.

Good in parts seemed to be the City's verdict on ICI's third-quarter figures. While a number trimmed their full-year forecasts, the shares gained some ground on more upbeat prospects for the group in the long term. ICI's comments on firmer price trends in petrochemicals and its progress in meeting cost-cutting targets, helped the shares move ahead 17p to 792½p.

Confirmation of the Civil Aviation Authority's price formula for **BAA**, the airport operator, helped to lift the shares, making it the best performer among FT-SE 100 stocks. The price formula of inflation less 3 per cent for the next five years was in line with expectations and now that it has been resolved, analysts say, it clears the runway for BAA's expansion plans, which include Terminal 5 at Heathrow. BAA shares rose 14½p to 519½p.

BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, fell 39½p to 596½p after the announcement of a $1 billion preference share issue by The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times* and a 40 per cent shareholder in BSkyB.

Emap, the publishing group, wobbled on reports of boardroom strife and a rift between Robin Miller, the chief executive, and David Arculus, managing director This emerged following criticism of Sir John Hoskyns, the chairman, by other board members. The shares fell 31p to 712½p, with a statement backing Sir John coming after the markets had closed. A third-quarter production report from **RTZ** helped it add 1½p to 966½p. The mining group said production was ahead in nearly all its areas, with copper up 9 per cent for the year.

Encouraging news on the development of a number of new drugs helped **Scotia Holdings** to climb 25½p to 563½p. Phase three clinical trials in the US of Foscan, its cancer treatment, are scheduled to start next year while the European Medicines Evaluation Agency is to assess a treatment for the prevention of radiotherapy side-effects. Also ahead was **British Biotech**, up 17p to 219½p after an institutional presentation.

William Baird, the clothing manufacturer, saw its shares dip before closing unchanged at 191½p after announcing a shake-up and the loss of 500 jobs. The group is to focus on manufacturing for Marks & Spencer while selling off non-core activities. The cost of the restructuring is put at £23.6 million to £28.6 million.

Another clothing group, **SR Gent**, saw its shares jump 9p to 62½p. The group later confirmed it had had several bid approaches. Bid speculation powered interest in **East Midlands Electricity**, which moved up 19p to 518p. Analysts were not convinced there was anything new fuelling the talk.

Rolls Royce, the aero engine group, gained 2p to 264½p after announcing it is to share in a $100 million order to supply seven Airbus Industrie A320 planes to Dragonair, the Hong Kong based airline.

Millennium and Copthorne, the hotel group, slid 4½p to 339½p in the wake of the decision by Principal Hotels to pull its stock market flotation.

Principal's advisers blame weak institutional demand after a number of other hotel floats this year, including that of Millennium.

Victory in a case against UK Customs over VAT paid on discount promotions failed to inspire shares in **Argos**, the retailer, which fell 5p to 782½p.

Redland, the buildings materials group, fell 12p to 443p on worries over industrial action in Germany and European interest rates.

A new entrant, **Loftus Road**, owner of QPR football club and Wasps rugby club, moved to briefly touch a high of 79½p after its debut at 72p. It ended the day achieving a more modest premium at 74½p, nonetheless useful for season ticket holders who were able to buy in at 67p.

Tadpole Technology, a one time star, fell back further, touching 26½p before closing at 30p, a new low for the year. Tadpole, which was cruising last year at a high of 376p, reports full-year results next month. Analysts are expecting losses of £4 million, down from nearly £10 million in 1995.

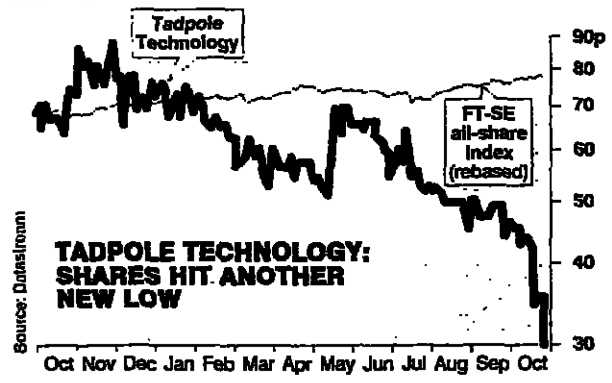
Shares in **Kenwood Appliances** ended unchanged at 242p in spite of rumours of bid interest, subsequently denied, from France and Italy. David Nash is to take over as chairman at Kenwood, where yesterday Schroders upped its stake to 12.86 per cent.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: The Bank of England's successful £1.5 billion gilts auction of Treasury 8 per cent 2015 provided the main feature in morning trading, prompting strong investor interest. The number of contracts was up at 122,000.

The early rises in the market were not sustained and by the close the December series of the long gilt was off 15/32 at £109 10/32. In shorts, the Treasury 8 per cent 2000 eased back 8/32 to £103 19/32.

☐ **NEW YORK**: A weak bond market and a sell-off in Procter & Gamble shares pushed the Dow Jones industrial average sharply lower in early trading. At midday, the index was down 37.64 points to 5,998.82.

A shift of opinion on Rentokil, the business services group, knocked the shares 12p lower to 421p. Analysts at NatWest Securities have switched from hold to reduce, arguing that the hefty acquisition of BET was the wrong move by Rentokil. NatWest says the shares are now overvalued.



TADPOLE TECHNOLOGY: SHARES HIT ANOTHER NEW LOW

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	5998.82 (-37.64)
S&P Composite	704.38 (-2.89)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	21003.49 (-78.66)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	12473.56 (-18.81)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	585.16 (+1.59)

Sydney:

AO	2377.6 (+30.9)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2678.43 (-21.10)

Singapore:

Straits	2059.61 (+13.16)

Brussels:

General	9979.75 (-4.52)

Paris:

CAC-40	2151.62 (+2.76)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	779.20 (-0.70)

London:

FT 30	2819.5 (-11.8)
FT 100	3999.4 (-29.0)
FTSE Mid 250	4424.5 (-6.6)
FTSE 350	1990.9 (-11.9)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	1772.46 (-5.34)
FT All-Share	1965.25 (-11.09)
FT Non Financials	2057.5 (-13.85)
FT Fixed Interest	115.40 (-0.16)
FT Govt Secs	93.83 (-0.29)
Bargains	34619
SEAQ Volume	706.7m
USM (Datastrm)	203.97 (-0.70)
US$	1.5916 (-0.0046)
German Mark	2.4237 (-0.0086)
Exchange Index	88.5 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2606
£:SDR	1.1087
RPI	153.8 Sep (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	153.6 Sep (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Airtech	75		...
Charles Taylor	161½		...
Deltron Electrn (150)	160½		...
Elec Retail Sys	174½		...
Eurasia Mining	312½		...
Fitness First	90½		...
Geo Interactive (100)	103½	-	1
Hartstone 8% Cum	121		...
Healthcare Reform	99½		...
Imperial Tobacco	376½	-	8
Interoute Tele	165½		...
John David Sports	298½	-	7
Lavendon	155½		...
Loftus Road (72)	74½		...
Lomond Under	130½		...
Mears Group	12		...
Millennium Chem	1406½	+	03½
Oriental Resturnts	205½	-	1
Personal Number	81½	-	1
Polydoc	69½		...
Shalibane	139½		...
Thistle Hotels	170	-	½
Ultra Electronics	300	+	1
Victory Corp	56	-	1
Weeks Group	7½		...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Brooke Tool n/p (125)	7		...
Calm Energy n/p (360)	6	+	½
Capital Inds n/p (175)	15	-	½
Celsis Intl n/p (100)	5	-	1
Clyde Blwrs n/p (265)	20		...
Prism Rail n/p (240)	122		...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Brit Biotech	219½p (+17p)
Business Post	450p (+10p)
ICI	792½p (+17p)
Abbey Nat	610½p (+9p)
My Kinda Town	163½p (+16p)
Hamleys	398½p (-9p)

FALLS:

Telspec	180p (-17½p)
Cortecs	181½p (-12p)
Barbour Index	365p (-28p)
Estates Agency	360p (-20p)
Boxmore Intl	330p (-12½p)
Druck	345p (-10p)
Redland	443p (-12½p)
Kingfisher	649p (-14½p)

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TEMPUS

Happy landings

OTHER monopoly utilities live in fear of their regulators, but BAA leads a charmed life. The CAA's proposal yesterday that it monitor the airports group's performance annually was hardly alarming; BAA already consults the authority on a regular basis and casting a bit of light on the proceedings should not cause much pain. The airport operators' relationship with the CAA is a bit like that of a bumptious student with an avuncular and slightly pompous tutor.

These proposals were the best that BAA could hope for. The company angled for an unadjusted price increase equal to the retail price index but that request was based on the premise that those who do not ask, never receive. In fact, regulated income is fast becoming a small, although not yet irrelevant part of the airport group's total income. In the current year, it should contribute £370 million to turnover of £1.3 billion with most of the balance coming from the shops that threaten to fill every nook and cranny of the airports.

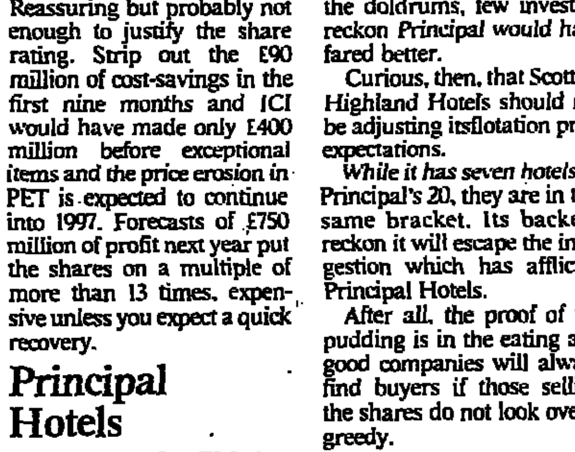
With the review out of the way and the financial risk of Terminal 5 virtually removed from the equation, BAA shares should resume their upward progression. On forecasts of £460 million in profits, the company is on a market rating, absurdly cheap for such a reliable business with solid if unspectacular growth ahead of it. Bearing in mind that the average retailer commands a 20 per cent premium to the market, BAA at least warrants 5 to 10 per cent. The wild card for BAA is slot-trading at the airport. If airlines could buy and sell slots, traffic at Heathrow would grow markedly and BAA would see extra jumbo jet loads of bored shoppers in its malls.

William Baird

A BIG shake-up at William Baird, the clothing group, had been mooted but the scale of the exercise outlined yesterday raised not a few eyebrows.

Recently-appointed chief executive David Suddens has wasted little time in getting to grips with an organisation that most thought was in need of surgery. While several non-core disposals had been well-flagged, the decision to sell the non-Marks and Spencer contract clothing business came from out of the blue.

Courageous maybe, but will it work? The company dismisses suggestions that increased reliance on M&S could be a hostage to fortune, pointing out that its branded clothing business provides an adequate balance, and that the company is stepping up its overseas sales. Baird hopes that the restructuring will release around £40 million of capital from the business over the next two years but that means getting a reasonable price for businesses that have been so publicly put on the block. These are lower margin than the M&S operation. At the same time, he must reinvest at better returns and improve profits from the core businesses. Trading is up to scratch so many in the City are prepared to give Baird the benefit of the doubt. The shares recovered from an initial fall yesterday suggesting that the market wants more evidence before it celebrates the recovery of William Baird.



ICI

FOR a company that was shifting away from commodities, ICI's third quarter figures presented a good imitation of a business in a cyclical downturn. Earnings from industrial chemicals disappeared altogether in the last quarter, knocked out by losses in PET and a poor performance from PTA. These were once fast-growing profit centres and probably contributed £145 million out of the £500 million of industrial earnings last year.

But products that supply fast-growing global consumer industries — PET goes into plastic bottles and PTA into textile fibres — have a tendency to become commodities.

The market is still growing rapidly, particularly in Asia, but new entrants have increased capacity and therefore price competition, thus destroying profit margins. ICI is a more aggressive financial manager these days. It has shown itself capable of pulling back from investments, abandoning plans for a PET plant in the UK and taking out a titanium dioxide plant. The chemical that acts as a whitener in paints suffered a 13 per cent price reduction in the first nine months. Also encouraging are assurances that £400 million from efficiency improvements are expected to be achieved by 1997. Reassuring but probably not enough to justify the share rating. Strip out the £90 million of cost-savings in the first nine months and ICI would have made only £400 million before exceptional items and the price erosion in PET is expected to continue into 1997. Forecasts of £750 million of profit next year put the shares on a multiple of more than 13 times, expensive unless you expect a quick recovery.

Principal Hotels

PRINCIPAL HOTELS has become the pudding that the fund managers left untouched on the table.

Principal would have been the fifth hotels group to come to the market this year and only last month, its backers were certain that it would escape a repeat of the Thistle flop.

But as Thistle returns to its originally deflated placing price, and Jarvis remains in the doldrums, few investors reckon Principal would have fared better.

Curious, then, that Scottish Highland Hotels should not be adjusting itsflotation price expectations.

While it has seven hotels to Principal's 20, they are in the same bracket. Its backers reckon it will escape the indigestion which has afflicted Principal Hotels.

After all, the proof of the pudding is in the eating and good companies will always find buyers if those selling the shares do not look overly greedy.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Dec	943-942	May	1040 SLR
Mar	972-971	May	1052 SLR
May	987 BID	Jul	1065-1060
Jul	1002-1001	Sep	1090-1070
Sep	1017 SLR		
Dec	1030 SLR		Volume: 4883

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1513-1510	Jul	1315-1305
Jan	1384-1383	Sep	1315-1305
Mar	1328-1327	Nov	1315-1305
May	1310-1306		Volume: 3243

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	317.0-15.5
Spot: n/a		Oct	310.5-09.0
Dec	317.6-16.7	Dec	314.0-12.1
Mar	314.5-14.0	Mar	316.0-14.0
May	314.6-13.7		Volume: 349

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	94.85	119.33	97.76
(+/-)	-1.53	+3.46	+1.19
Eng/Wales:	94.85	120.41	96.90
(+/-)	-1.53	+4.21	+1.26
(%)	-3.0	-2.0	+4.0
Scotland:	unq	116.80	101.10
(+/-)	—	+1.94	+0.86
(%)	—	+26.0	+5.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	24.25	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Dec)	23.85	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Jan)	23.25	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	24.60	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	24.15	-0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	234 (-2)	236 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	225 (-8)	226 (-8)
3.5 Fuel Oil	117 (-7)	119 (-7)
Naphtha	220 (-7)	222 (-7)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	223.50 SLR	Feb	209.25-09.50
Dec	219.25 BID	Mar	202.25 BID
Jan	214.75 BID		Vol: 30287

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	23.90-23.92	Mar	22.15-22.19
Jan	23.30-23.32	Apr	21.55-21.64
Feb	22.69 SLR		Vol: 35917

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	98.35	Nov	93.75
Jan	100.10	Jan	95.50
Mar	101.20	Mar	97.00
May	102.70	May	98.50
Jul	104.00	Sep	93.00
Volume: 452		Volume: 75	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	32.50
Mar	—	69.00
Apr	70.0	71.00
		Volume: 80

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Nov 82.50-83.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 96	1300	1284	1270
Nov 96	1379	1345	1340
Dec 96	1350	1325	1325
Jan 97	1345	1306	1305
Vol: 363 lots			Open Interest: 4429

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1998.0-1999.0	1972.0-1973.0	Vol: 2138300
Lead ($/tonne)	726.00-727.00	732.00-733.00	269975
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	998.50-999.00	1023.5-1024.5	312650
Tin ($/tonne)	5920.0-5925.0	5980.0-5985.0	27765
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1381.0-1381.5	1412.0-1412.5	2348850
Nickel ($/tonne)	7075.0-7080.0	7180.0-7185.0	64656

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	460	17½	24½	30	22½	27	34
(*461½)	500	5	11	15½	52½	55	60½
ASDA	110	9½	11	13½	2½	4½	5½
(*115½)	120	4½	6	8½	7½	9	10
Boots	600	45	59½	67	6½	13	20
(*638)	650	16½	30	38	28	34½	43
Br Airways	550	42½	54½	62	10½	17½	24
(*579½)	600	16	27½	35½	34	41	48½
BP	650	41	51½	61½	16	23½	30
(*671)	700	17½	28	39	42½	49½	55½
Br Steel	160	15½	19	21½	3	5	9½
(*173)	180	4½	8½	11½	13	15	20½
C & W	460	26½	40	47½	13½	20	25
(*472)	500	10	21½	28½	35½	42	46
CU	660	28	38½	45½	21	37½	41
(*650)	700	9½	19	25½	54	70½	73
ICI	750	60½	74	80	9	22½	28
(*793)	800	28½	43½	52	27½	45½	51
Land Sec	700	27	41½	48	13	18½	27
(*715½)	750	6	17	23½	45	47	56
M & S	500	37½	49½	54	4½	10	14½
(*530½)	550	9½	22	26½	27½	33	37½
Nat West	700	39	48½	57	18½	38	42½
(*711½)	750	16½	25	34½	46½	66	72
Safeway	360	16½	26	30½	14	20	26½
(*362½)	390	5½	13½	18	34	38	45
Sainsbury	330	25	33	36½	5	8½	14
(*350)	360	9½	16½	20	19	22½	29
Shell	1000	62½	78½	86½	9½	22½	30
(*1041½)	1050	30	46	56½	28	43	50½
Smkl Bch	750	49½	64	78	16	27	35½
(*779½)	800	23	38½	52½	40	51½	59½
Storehse	300	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	330	0	—	—	0	—	—
Trafalgar	50	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	60	0	—	—	0	—	—
Zeneca	1700	95	132	152	57½	83½	93
(*1719)	1800	49½	83	105	113½	136½	146
Series		Nov	Jan	Apr	Nov	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	420	16	26	35½	9	19½	29½
(*425)	460	4	10½	18½	36	39	54
Vodafone	220	10½	14½	21½	2½	7½	11½
(*226½)	240	2	9½	12½	14½	19	22½
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	460	23½	32½	40	3½	15½	19½
(*479)	500	3½	12½	21½	24	37½	41
Ladbroke	180	19	23½	26½	0½	2½	6
(*198)	200	3½	10	14	5½	9	14
Utd Bisc	200	11½	19½	22	1½	6½	9½
(*210)	220	1	9	12	11½	16	20

October 24, 1996 Tot: 40907 Call: 13157 Put: 27750 FTSE Call: 4016 Put: 14241

*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	500	29	41½	51	8½	14	21
(*519½)	550	6½	17½	26	37	41½	47
Thames W	500	35½	47½	55	8½	16	27½
(*531)	550	9½	22½	28½	33½	41½	54½
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BTR	240	12½	19½	22	1½	5½	10
(*250)	260	2	8½	11½	11½	15	20½
Br Aero	1100	56	89½	101½	7	20	34
(*1145)	1150	23	55	73½	25	40	55½
Br Telcm	330	20	26½	31	2	8½	11
(*347½)	360	3½	10½	16	14	24½	26½
Cadbury	500	20½	36½	43	4	12½	23
(*515)	550	1½	13	19½	35½	40	51½
Guinness	420	30	40½	46	1	5½	12½
(*447)	460	5	16½	23½	16½	23	32
GEC	360	16	24	31½	3	9	13½
(*371½)	390	3	10	17	19½	25	28
Hanson	119	6	9½	—	2	5	—
(*122½)	130	0½	3	—	13½	16	—
LASMO	200	16	21½	25½	1½	4½	6½
(*214)	220	4	10	14½	9	12½	15
LucasVarity	240	18½	27	32	1½	6½	10
(*256)	260	6	15½	21½	9	14½	19
Pilkingtn	160	16½	20	24	0½	3	5
(*176)	180	2½	8½	12½	8	11½	13½
Prudential	460	24	38½	44	4	12½	21
(*479)	500	4½	18½	23½	25	32½	42
Redland	420	23½	34½	41½	4½	11½	19½
(*443)	460	3	14½	21	26½	32	40½
R-Royce	260	11	20½	26	4½	11	16
(*265½)	280	2½	11½	16½	16½	22	26½
Tesco	300	23½	32½	38	1	5	10½
(*321½)	330	5	14	21	12	17½	24½
Williams	330	29½	—	—	0½	—	—
(*358)	360	7	—	—	7½	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4003)

	3900	3950	4000	4050	4100	4150
Calls						
Nov	125	85	51	25½	10½	3½
Dec	160½	120½	88	59½	37½	21½
Jan	179½	144	111½	83½	59½	41½
Feb	198	165½	133½	106	82½	61½
Jun	260½	—	190½	—	150	—
Puts						
Nov	13	22½	39½	66½	106	155
Dec	33½	46	64½	89	119½	158
Jan	49½	63½	83	105½	133	166
Feb	62	78½	95½	120	147½	179½
Jun	118	—	155½	—	204½	—

Series		Calls Dec	Apr	Jul	Puts Dec	Apr	Jul
Abby Nat	600	29	44	52	12	30	35
(*611½)	650	8	20½	29½	42	59½	64
Amstrad	140	14½	—	—	4	—	—
(*149)	160	4½	—	—	14½	—	—
Barclays	950	58	82	91½	10	33	40
(*998)	1000	28	53	64	30	57	63½
Natl Pwr	360	28	35½	42	4½	11	20½
(*383½)	400	6	14½	—	24½	29½	—
Series		Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo W	950	71	89½	102	16	32	40½
(*993)	1000	41	60½	74½	35	54½	63
HSBC	1300	58	85½	108½	39	69	86
(*1303½)	1350	35	62	86	66	98	114
Reuter	750	49½	67	80	18	30	37
(*774)	800	24	41	54½	41	55	61
Royal & Sun	394	35	41½	—	5½	16	—
(*417½)	431	14	20½	—	22½	36	—
Series		Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
Blue Circ	390	17	25½	31	9½	14	21½
(*394½)	420	5	12	17½	28	31	38½
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Kingfishr	600	68	77½	83½	9	18½	23
(*649)	650	35½	46	54	26½	38½	44
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Unilever	1300	33½	58	70	20½	34½	49
(*1314)	1350	12	33½	44½	50½	62	76
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Br Gas	180	13½	18	20	2½	4½	7½
(*199½)	200	4½	9½	11	12	14½	18
Dixons	550	45	59	71	5½	15	20½
(*584)	600	16	30½	43	26½	37	43
EMI Group	1200	60	88	112	18	37½	46
(*1230½)	1250	32	61	85	40	61	69
Tarmac	80	11	13½	14½	0½	2½	3
(*89)	90	4½	8	9	4	6½	7
Hillsdwn	160	19½	21	23	0½	2½	6
(*178)	180	4½	8½	11	7½	10½	16
Lonrho	160	7½	11½	14	4½	9	10
(*161)	180	1	4	6½	19	22½	23
Sears	80	7½	—	—	1	—	—
(*87)	90	2	—	—	5½	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	103	—	—	9	—	—
(*1580½)	1600	37	—	—	39	—	—
Tomkins	240	21½	26½	31½	3	8	9½
(*256)	260	9½	15	21	10½	16	18½
Lloyds TSB	390	14	24	29½	10½	22½	26
(*391½)	420	3½	12	17	30	41	44½
Scot Pwr	294	17	23	—	4	10	—
(*304)	323	3½	9½	—	30	26½	—

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 63828	Dec 96	4048.0	4062.0	4016.0	4025.0	12493
	Mar 97	4049.0	4049.0	4047.0	4039.0	300
FTSE 250 Previous open interest: 3571	Dec 96				4457.0	0
	Mar 97					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 471542	Dec 96	93.94	93.94	93.90	93.91	8579
	Mar 97	93.75	93.77	93.70	93.73	19153
	Jun 97	93.44	93.47	93.38	93.41	20401
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97	99.39	99.39	99.39	99.39	425
	Jun 97	99.28	99.29	99.28	99.28	370
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1112123	Dec 96	96.84	96.84	96.81	96.82	31945
	Mar 97	96.83	96.83	96.78	96.79	52015
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 169966	Dec 96	109-25	110-11	109-04	109-10	122958
	Mar 97				108-14	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	124.34	124.56	124.34	124.53	4017
	Mar 97	123.39	123.57	123.38	123.55	1287
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 281859	Dec 96	99.56	99.59	99.16	99.27	176768
	Mar 97	98.40	98.45	98.17	98.25	3376
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 25847	Dec 96	95.89	95.89	95.86	95.87	1426
	Mar 97	95.90	95.90	95.84	95.87	961
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 86402	Dec 96	98.27	98.27	98.16	98.17	9888
	Mar 97	98.27	98.27	98.16	98.17	7918
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 86412	Dec 96	123.75	123.90	123.26	123.51	43622
	Mar 97	123.00	123.00	122.67	122.74	941

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5½ Week fixed: 5 13/16

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 11/16 ; 3 mth 5⅝ . Sell: 2 mth 5 9/16 ; 3 mth: 5½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 29/32-5 27/32	5 13/16-5¾	5⅞-5 13/16	6-5 15/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅞-5 13/16	5 31/32-5 29/32	6-5 15/16	6⅛-6 1/16	6 11/32-6¼
Interbank:	5⅞-5 13/16	5 31/32-5 29/32	6-5 15/16	6⅛-6 1/16	6 11/32-6¼

Overnight: open 5 13/16, close 6 .

Local Authority Deps:	5 15/16	n/a	5⅞	6	6¼
Sterling CDs:	5 29/32-5 27/32	5 31/32-5⅞	5 31/32-5 29/32	6 1/16-6	6 5/16-6¼
Dollar CDs:	5.28	n/a	5.41	5.52	5.74
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5 13/16	5 31/32-5 29/32	6-5 15/16	6⅛-6 1/16	6⅜-6¼

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5 5/16-4 15/16	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	5⅝-5½	5-4
Deutschemark:	3¼-2⅞	3 3/16-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3¼-2¾
French Franc:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3 7/16-3 5/16	3⅜-3¼	4-3
Swiss Franc:	1⅝-1⅜	1⅝-1½	1 11/16-1 9/16	1 11/16-1 9/16	2-1
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.70-384.00 Close: $382.80-383.30 High: $383.70-384.00

Low: $382.00-382.50 AM: $383.70 PM: $383.00

Krugerrand: $382.00-385.00 (£240.25-242.25)

Platinum: $386.25 (£242.55) Silver: $4.91 (£3.085) Palladium: $117.50 (£73.80)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7164-2.7278	2.7174-2.7194	⅞-¾pr	2½-2¼pr
Brussels	49.840-50.120	49.878-49.964	15-10pr	40-33pr
Copenhagen	9.2810-9.3250	9.2835-9.2915	2½-1¾pr	5¼-4¾pr
Dublin	0.9885-0.9915	0.9891-0.9902	3pr-par	12-6pr
Frankfurt	2.4211-2.4312	2.4223-2.4238	¾-⅝pr	1¾-1⅝pr
Lisbon	244.13-245.70	244.38-244.56	⅛-⅜ds	⅛-⅜ds
Madrid	203.97-204.92	203.97-204.12	15-25ds	41-59ds
Milan	2430.7-2445.9	2430.7-2433.3	32-48ds	98-120ds
Montreal	2.1383-2.1481	2.1405-2.1423	0.50-0.45pr	1.02-0.92pr
New York	1.5910-1.5980	1.5910-1.5917	0.082-0.062pr	0.20-0.17pr
Oslo	10.265-10.311	10.268-10.276	⅜-⅛pr	⅞-⅜pr
Paris	8.1720-8.2220	8.1793-8.1861	1⅞-1⅝pr	5¾-5¼pr
Stockholm	10.464-10.520	10.467-10.483	⅜-⅛pr	⅞-⅜pr
Tokyo	179.41-180.36	179.51-179.73	⅞-⅝pr	2½-2¼pr
Vienna	17.042-17.112	17.042-17.054	⅞-⅝pr	1¾-1¼pr
Zurich	1.9992-2.0049	2.0005-2.0025	⅞-⅝pr	2½-2¼pr

Source: Extel

Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2610-1.2618
Austria	10.70-10.71
Belgium (Com)	31.35-31.36
Canada	1.3440-1.3445
Denmark	5.8372-5.8392
France	5.1400-5.1420
Germany	1.5218-1.5228
Hong Kong	7.7320-7.7330
Ireland	1.6095-1.6105
Italy	1529.15-1530.12
Japan	112.87-112.88
Malaysia	2.5035-2.5045
Netherlands	1.7072-1.7077
Norway	6.4535-6.4555
Portugal	153.55-153.65
Singapore	1.4155-1.4165
Spain	128.18-128.21
Sweden	6.5740-6.5840
Switzerland	1.2568-1.2578

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5918-1.5944
Australia dollar	2.0081-2.0106
Bahrain dinar	0.5965-0.6085
Brazil real*	1.6309-1.6352
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7325-0.7425
Finland markka	7.2400-7.3560
Greece drachma	377.75-384.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.3124-12.3218
India rupee	56.42-57.38
Indonesia rupiah	3682.0-3750.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4740-0.4840
Malaysia ringgit	3.9866-3.9907
New Zealand dollar	2.2700-2.2730
Pakistan rupee	63.55 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7550-5.8790
Singapore dollar	2.2540-2.2571
S Africa rand (com)	7.2710-7.3730
U A E dirham	5.8050-5.9290

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3I	446	Lloyds TSB	8,100
ASDA Gp	13,400	LucasVarity	3,400
Abbey Ntl	4,000	Marks Spr	3,300
Allied Dom	2,600	NatWst Bk	3,200
Argos	1,900	Nat Grid	9,100
AB Foods	216	Nat Power	2,800
BAA	7,800	Next	1,100
BAT Inds	5,900	Orange	1,500
BOC	1,800	P & O	3,000
BP	10,900	Pearson	1,800
BSkyB	14,100	Pilkington	6,100
BTR	10,800	PowerGen	2,700
BT	11,000	Prudential	7,500
Bk of Scot	4,000	RMC	639
Barclays	3,300	RTZ	1,600
Bass	1,200	Railtrack	13,400
Blue Circle	822	Rank Group	4,700
Boots	811	Reckitt Col	1,400
BAe	1,300	Redland	1,600
BA	1,800	Reed Intl	360
Brit Gas	14,800	Rentokil	5,800
Brit Steel	6,200	Reuters	2,100
Burmah Cstl	128	Rolls Royce	5,900
Burton	3,000	Royal & Sun	3,300
Cable Wire	5,700	Royal Bk Sct	677
Cadbury	2,200	Safeway	7,500
Carlton Cms	468	Sainsbury	3,300
Cm Union	2,700	Schroders	80
Courtaulds	1,600	Scot & New	707
Dixons	702	Scot Power	2,400
EMI	2,900	Svrn Trent	437
Enterpr Oil	1,800	Shell Trans	4,400
GKN	837	Siebe	1,400
GRE	943	SmKl Bch	4,000
GUS	958	Smith Nph	3,600
Gen Acc	1,600	Smiths Inds	963
Gen Elec	3,500	Std Chartd	4,100
Glaxo Well	4,100	TI Gp	163
Granada	2,300	Tate & Lyle	538
Grand Met	2,700	Tesco	5,900
Guinness	1,800	Thames W	1,000
HSBC	2,800	Tomkins	2,700
Hanson	21,000	Unilever	1,200
ICI	5,500	Utd Utilities	3,000
Imp Tob	5,500	Utd News	613
Kingfisher	1,900	Vodafone	4,000
LASMO	4,300	Whitbread	3,800
Ladbroke	3,000	Wlms Hld	244
Land Secs	717	Wolseley	1,300
Legal & Gn	3,100	Zeneca	2,700

WALL STREET

	Oct 24 midday	Oct 23 close
AMP Inc	34	38⅜
AMR Corp	82⅛	81¼
ASA	39	39⅛
AT & T	37⅛	37⅛
Abbott Labs	50⅜	50⅝
Advanced Micro	17⅜	17⅜
Aetna Life	62⅝	62⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	29⅜	29⅝
Air Prod & Chem	60	60⅜
AirTouch Comm	25⅜	25⅛
Alberto-Culver B	45½	45½
Albertson's	35	34¾
Alcan Alumnm	33⅛	32⅜
Alco Standard	45⅞	45⅞
Allied Signal	63¾	64⅛
Alum Co of Am	59⅛	58
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5⅝
Amerada Hess	56⅜	56⅜
Amer Brands	48⅛	48⅜
Amer El Power	40⅛	40⅜
Amer Express	46⅝	46⅝
Amer Genl Corp	37½	38⅜
Amer Home Pr	64⅛	65⅜
Amer Intl	104¼	105⅜
Amer Stores	42⅛	42⅝
Amer Standard	37⅛	37
Ameritech	55⅛	56
Amoco	74½	75
Anheuser-Busch	39⅝	39⅛
Apple Computer	24⅛	24⅛
Archer Daniels	21⅛	21¼
Armco	3⅞	4
Armstrng Wrld	67⅛	67⅜
Asarco	26⅛	26⅜
Atl Richfield	132⅛	134
Auto Data Pro	41¼	40⅛
Avery Dennison	63¾	62⅛
Avon Products	52⅛	50⅝
Baker Hughes	34⅛	36
Baltim Gas & El	26⅞	26¼
Banc One	42¾	42¾
BankAmerica	87⅜	87⅛
Bank of NY	31	30⅛
Bankers Tr NY	83¼	83¼
Barnett Banks	39⅛	38⅜
Bausch & Lomb	35⅜	35
Baxter Intl	41¼	43¼
Bectn Dicknsn	43⅛	43½
Bell Atlantic	59⅛	60⅜
Bell Industries	16⅛	16⅝
BellSouth	39⅛	39⅜
Black & Decker	40	40⅞
Block (H&R)	25	25⅛
Boeing	95⅜	97
Boise Cascade	31¼	31½
Bristol Myrs Sq	108	107⅜
Browning Ferris	25⅛	26⅞
Brunswick	24¾	24¾
Burlington Nthn	84⅛	84⅜
CMS Energy Corp	31¼	31¼
CNA Financial	96⅜	96¼
CPC Intl	78⅛	79⅛
CSX	43⅛	45½
Campbell Soup	84	82⅛
Can Pacific	25⅛	24¾
Carolina Pwr	34⅛	34¾
Caterpillar	71⅞	72⅛
Central & SW	25⅞	25⅜
Champion Intl	42⅞	42⅛
Chase Manhat	83¾	82⅝
Chevron Corp	66⅛	67⅛
Chrysler	33⅛	34
Chubb Corp	48⅝	49
Cigna Corp	126	126⅞
Citicorp	96⅛	95⅛
Clorox	101¼	101
Coastal Corp	44⅛	45⅜
Coca Cola	50⅜	50⅛
Coca Cola Ent	45⅜	45⅜
Colgate-Palmolive	89⅛	90⅛
Columbia Gas	60⅜	60⅜
ColumbiaHCA	35⅝	36
Compaq Comp	72	71¼
Comp Ass Intl	90⅞	90⅛
Conagra	50	49⅝
Conrail	93¾	95⅜
Cons Edison	28⅛	28⅛
Cons Nat Gas	53	53⅛
Cooper Inds	42⅝	42⅝
Corestates	47⅜	47⅜
Corning Inc	38⅛	40⅛
Crown Cork	46⅛	46⅛
Dana Corp	30⅝	30⅜
Dayton Hudson	32⅝	32⅛
Deere	42⅛	43⅛
Delta Air Lines	70⅜	69⅜
Deluxe Corp	31⅞	33⅛
Digital Equip	30⅞	31¼
Dillard Dept St	32	32⅞
Disney (Walt)	65⅞	66⅛
Dominion Res	37⅛	37⅜
Donelley (RR)	30⅛	30⅛
Dover Corp	52⅝	52⅞
Dow Chemical	78⅞	79
Dow Jones	34¼	34⅛
Dresser	32	32⅛
Duke Power	46⅜	47⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	60	60⅞
Du Pont	91⅛	95⅛
Eastman Chem	52⅛	52⅛
Eastman Kodak	76⅝	78⅜
Eaton Corp	60	60
Edison Intl	19⅛	19⅛
Emerson Elec	90⅞	90⅛
Engelhard Corp	18⅛	19⅛
Enron Corp	44⅛	44⅛
Entergy	27⅜	27⅜
Ethyl Corp	8⅛	8⅛
Exxon	87⅝	88⅝
FMC Corp	71¼	71¼
FPL Group	45⅛	45½
Federal Express	80	79⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	36⅛	36⅞
First Bk Sys	65	65⅛
First Union Rlty	7⅜	6⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	47½	47½
Fluor Corp	64⅛	64
Ford Motor	31⅛	31⅛
GTE Corp	41⅜	41⅜
Gannett	73⅛	73⅛
Gap Inc Del	29⅞	29⅝
Gencorp	16⅝	16⅝
Gen Dynamics	68⅛	69⅛
Gen Electric	96⅛	96⅛
Gen Mills	58	58⅛
Gen Motors	54⅛	54⅞
Gen Reinsurance	144⅞	146⅞
Gen Signal	42	41⅛
Genuine Parts	44	43⅝
Georgia Pac	73⅜	74⅛
Gillette	74	73⅛
Glaxo Wellc ADR	31½	31⅜
Goodrich (BF)	42⅛	43⅛
Goodyear Tire	46⅞	46⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	31⅛	31⅛
Great Wstn Fin	27⅛	28
Halliburton	58⅛	58⅜
Harcourt General	50⅛	51¼
Heinz (HJ)	35⅛	35⅛
Hercules	49⅜	50⅛
Hershey Foods	48	47⅜
Hewlett Packard	45⅛	46⅛
Hilton Hotels	29⅞	29⅝
Home Depot	56⅝	56⅛
Homestake Mng	14⅛	14⅛
Honeywell	60⅛	60⅛
Household Intl	86⅛	85⅛
Houston Inds	22⅜	23⅜
Humana	18⅛	19
ITT Corp	42⅛	42⅛
Illinois Tool	72⅛	72
Illinova	26⅛	26¼
INCO	32⅛	31⅞
Ingersoll Rand	44⅛	44⅛
Inland Steel	16⅛	16⅛
Intel Corp	110⅝	104⅝
IBM	128⅛	129⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	42½	42⅛
Intl Paper	42⅛	42⅛
James River Va	29⅛	28⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	49⅛	49⅛
Kellogg	66⅛	67⅛
Kerr-McGee	63	63
Kimberly-Clark	88⅛	88⅛
Kmart	10⅛	10⅜
Knight-Ridder	37⅛	37⅛
Lilly (Eli)	70⅛	71¼
Limited Inc	19⅝	19⅞
Lincoln Nat	48	48⅛
Litton	46	46⅛
Liz Claiborne	43⅛	44
Lockheed Martin	89⅛	89⅛
Louisiana Pac	21⅛	21⅛
MCI Comm	25⅜	25⅛
Marriott Int	57⅛	57⅛
Marsh & McLnn	100⅝	101⅛
Masco Corp	31¼	31¼
May Dept St	47⅛	47⅛
Maytag Corp	20⅞	20⅛
McDonalds	44⅛	44⅛
McDonnell D	53⅛	53⅜
McGraw Hill	47⅛	47⅛
Mead Corp	55⅛	56⅞
Medtronic	63⅛	64⅛
Mellon Bk	63⅛	64⅛
Melville Corp	37⅛	37⅛
Merck Inc	75⅛	75⅜
Merrill Lynch	67⅛	68⅛
Microsoft	136⅛	134⅞
Minnesota Mine	71	71¼
Mobil Corp	117⅛	117⅛
Monsanto	42⅞	42
Morgan (JP)	85⅛	85⅜
Motorola Inc	48⅝	48⅛
Natl Semi	18⅛	19⅛
Natl Service Ind	34⅜	34⅛
Navistar Int	9⅛	9⅜
NY Times A	35⅛	35¼
Newmont Mng	46⅝	46⅛
Niag Mohawk	9⅛	8⅛
Nike B	61¼	120⅛
NL Industries	9⅛	9⅛
Noram Energy	15⅛	15¼
Nordstrom	39⅞	38⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	92⅜	94⅛
Nthn State Pwr	46⅛	46⅛
Norwest Corp	42⅛	42⅛
Nynex Corp	43⅞	43⅛
Occidental Pet	24⅞	24⅛
Ohio Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oracle	42¼	42⅛
Oryx Energy Co	19⅛	19⅛
Overseas Ship	16⅛	16⅛
Owens Corning	38¼	38⅛
PHH Corp	31¼	31¼
PPG Industries	56⅛	57
PNC Bank	35⅛	35⅞
PP&L Res	22⅜	22⅛
Paccar Inc	57⅛	58
Pacificorp	20⅛	20⅜
Pac Enterprises	30⅛	30⅛
Pac Gas & Elec	23½	23⅛
Pac Telesis	34⅛	35
Pall Corp	26⅛	26¼
Parker Hannifin	38⅜	38⅛
Peco Energy	24⅜	24⅛
Penney (JC)	52⅛	52⅜
Pennzoil	52⅜	53⅛
Pepsico	29⅛	29⅛
Pfizer	82⅛	83⅛
Pharm & Upjhn	36¼	37
Phelps Dodge	63½	67⅜
Philip Morris	92⅛	93
Phillips Pet	42⅜	42⅜
Pitney Bowes	54⅛	54⅜
Polaroid	41⅞	41⅛
PriceCostco	20	20⅞
Procter & Gmbl	92⅛	96⅛
Providian	46⅛	46⅛
Pub Serv E & G	26⅛	26⅛
Quaker Oats	36⅛	36⅛
Ralston Purina	67⅜	68⅞
Raychem Corp	74¼	74⅜
Raytheon	48⅛	49
Reebok Intl	36	35⅛
Reynolds Metals	58⅛	57
Rockwell Intl	57	56¼
Rohm & Haas	69⅛	69⅛
Royal Dutch	168⅞	171¼
Rubbermaid	23	23⅛
SBC Comms	49⅛	50
Safeco Corp	36⅛	36⅞
St Paul's Cos	54⅛	55
Salomon Inc	45	45⅜
Sara Lee Corp	36⅜	36⅞
Schering Plough	65⅛	65⅛
Schlumberger	97⅛	95⅛
Seagram	36¼	37
Sears Roebuck	49⅞	49⅛
Shell Trans	99⅛	101¼
Sherwin Wllms	51⅛	52⅛
Skyline Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Snap-On-Tools	32⅛	33
Southern Co	22⅛	22⅛
Sprint Corp	39⅛	39⅜
Stanley Works	28	28
Sun Company	23¼	24⅛
Sun Microsys	60⅞	59⅞
Suntrust	44¾	45
Supervalu	28⅛	28⅛
Sysco Corp	34	33½
TRW Inc	89⅜	91
TCC Inds	1½	1½
Tandem Comp	12⅛	12
Tandy Corp	40⅛	40⅜
Temple Inland	50⅜	50⅞
Tenneco	49⅛	49⅛
Texaco	101	103⅛
Texas Inst	50⅜	51¼
Texas Utilities	39⅛	39⅛
Textron	89⅞	86⅛
Time Warner	38⅜	38⅛
Times-Mirror A	44⅛	44⅛
Timken	44⅛	44⅛
Torchmark	47⅛	48⅛
Toys R Us	32⅛	32⅛
Transamerica	72⅛	71¼
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Union Camp	48⅛	49
Union Carbide	42⅛	42⅛
Union Pacific	58	57⅛
Unisys Corp	6⅛	6⅛
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Unocal Corp	36⅛	36⅛
VF Corp	64⅛	64⅛
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Whirlpool	47	47⅛
Whitman	24⅞	24⅛
Winn Dixie	33⅛	33⅛
Woolworth	21⅛	21⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	60⅛	60⅛
Xerox	46⅛	46⅛

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Young at art

AFTER the success of their sponsorship of the Picasso and Cézanne exhibitions, Ernst & Young announced yesterday its decision to sponsor a four-year arts programme with the Tate Gallery, the new Tate Gallery of Modern Art at Bankside and the Royal Academy of Arts. Senior partner Nick Land, who went 14 times to the Cézanne exhibition, all in the course of duty, says he is tremendously excited. His own walls, however, are not quite as well dressed, in spite of his O level in art history. "We have some pretty awful stuff," he admits. "We bought it when we were young, when we had no money at all."

Bubbly pals

ROGER SEELIG, a key participant in the Guinness saga, looked remarkably well quaffing champagne at the bar of Michael Proudlock's new watering hole in the City. Lunching together at Foxtrot Oscar in Byward Street, sister of the much-loved Chelsea haunt, the pair were laughing like hyenas. When Proudlock lived in Gloucestershire, the two men spent many an evening together during Seelig's trial. After his stint as adviser to Sir Terence Conran on the Butlers Wharf development, maybe Seelig was passing on some useful tips to his chum.

OH DEAR, what a palaver at Versailles, the AIM-listed trading company that, "due to an oversight", distributed copies of its annual report and accounts before they had been autographed by the auditors. Revised copies are being sent to shareholders this week, with the date of the audit report altered, and a circular explaining the background to the drama.

"It's money in the bank"

Rat catch

DOES NatWest Markets know what it has taken on with the appointment of three senior sales professionals from SBC Warburg. Mogens Rye, Peter Kysela and Patrick Rarden will join the Scandinavian side of NM on Monday. Meanwhile, Rarden, aka The English Trading Rat, is making the most of gardening leave, riding Sailor, his horse. Rarden, whose Saab sports a RAT 53M number plate, includes jumping off mountains with a pair of skis and a parachute among his pastimes.

Grand futures

ANYONE dipping into James Morton's latest book could do worse than turn to the appendix. Tucked away at the back of *Investing with the Grand Masters*, an insight into the investment strategies and philosophies of Britain's money masters, is "Tips for the Top — Up and Coming Money Managers for the Next Century." In putting his list together, Morton asked past masters to name fellow Brits below the age of 37 who they felt had the potential to fill their shoes down the road. Rod Birkett at Flemings and William Garnett at Henderson, on Japan, and Patrick Harrington at M&G and Neil Woodford at Perpetual, on high income, were among those cited.

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ECONOMIC VIEW JANET BUSH

Politicians chase big prize with policy on a small scale

Conservatives are making up ground on the question of economic competence

The Conservative Party slowly seems to be regaining its traditional edge over Labour in public perceptions of who is most competent at managing the economy. In light of this and the real prospect that the Government's opinion poll ratings will improve further as the economic recovery spreads, it is worth re-examining what Labour has to offer.

The NOP opinion poll published last Sunday showed that Labour's lead on economic competence had dropped from 21 points to 12. NOP doesn't publish the form of question it poses to assess the economic management issue, which makes it difficult to interpret the results. However, NOP still tends to confirm other poll evidence showing that the Government has begun to claw back some of the reputation for sound economic stewardship so dramatically lost when sterling was ejected from the exchange-rate mechanism in 1992.

MORI, which compiles regular polls for this newspaper, asks voters which is the best party on the big issues. On managing the economy, the Government has climbed from a deficit against Labour of 22 points to 33 in July last year to a marginal lead of 28 points to 27 in July this year.

The Government will clearly fight the election on its economic record, hoping that the ERM debacle and its post 1992 election U-turn on taxes are now so long ago that many voters will have forgiven or forgotten. Meanwhile, the public focus of the first years of the Tony Blair and Gordon Brown partnership have been spent trying to bury their own ghosts.

The net result of this exercise has been the creation of an opposition which is virtually indistinguishable from the Government in strictly macroeconomic terms. Labour will observe the Golden Rule on public borrowing, the Government aims for balance in the medium-term. One can argue about what difference this implies, but both are more or less committed to fiscal discipline.

Both, too, are pledged to keeping inflation low so there will be monetary discipline too. The only worry on the monetary side is that Labour may feel compelled to raise rates more than a Conservative government in a policy of defensive deflation designed to combat past stigmas.

The potential for added value on economic policy therefore resides in microreform or supply side change. Kenneth Clarke is convinced that Britain's sustainable growth rate has already risen from the 2.25 per cent normally assumed (this happens to be the average annual growth rate since 1950). The fact that headline unemployment has fallen so far without any significant pick-up in wage inflation proves nothing, but is encouraging.

Privately, the Chancellor argues that the growth rate is now nearer to 2.75 per cent because of the Conservative programme of deregulation, privatisation and labour market reform. More of the same is his election battle cry.

It is impossible to know whether the growth rate has risen under Conservative economic management. Indeed, there is enormous scepticism in the economics community that this can be achieved at all, particularly in a developed industrial economy. But Labour has committed itself to trying.

The intellectual framework of its efforts is endogenous growth theory, so much lampooned when Mr Brown introduced it to an unsuspecting Britain two years ago. The basic theory is that long-run growth in incomes depends on investment decisions — both in human and physical capital — rather than unexplained or exogenous improvements in technology. Labour obviously believes that government has a role to play in providing the right incentives for investment and can therefore affect long-term growth.

Nick Crafts, of the London School of Economics, distinguishes two models of endogenous growth. One is a relatively crude "broad capital" model which assumes that Britain's growth rate has been relatively low because it has underinvested. This strand of thinking looks at both human and physical capital, but has tended, at least under old Labour, to emphasise the latter.

Many economists — and the Conservative Party — are deeply suspicious of government intervention to achieve this, given the record of the 1950s to the 1970s of poor targeting of subsidies for investment which would probably have happened anyway. There is also the criticism that routine investment comes up against the law of diminishing returns and therefore does not have anything more than a temporary effect on the economy's growth rate.

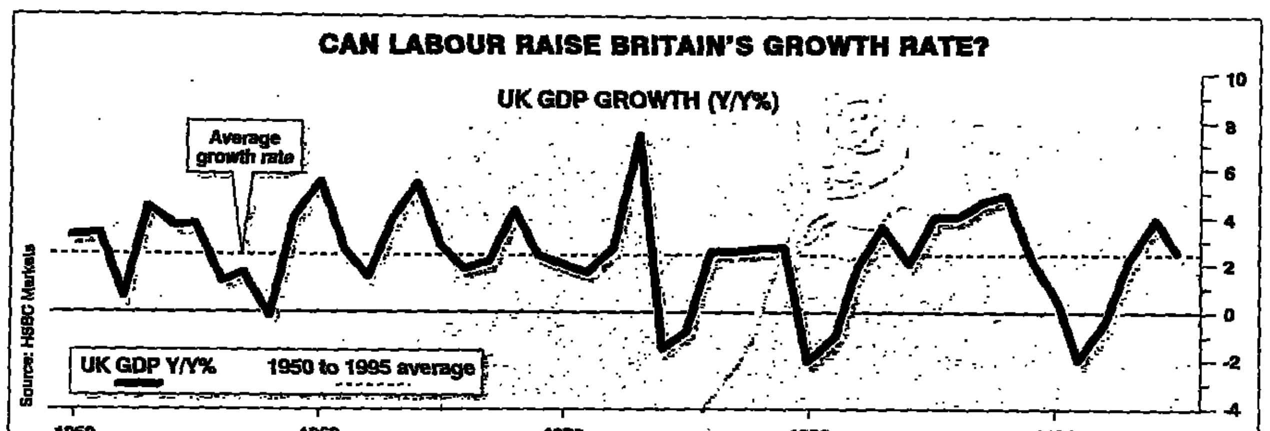
But Labour is still partially wedded to these ideas. Last year, it proposed doubling capital allowances on investment for one year and is currently considering whether to suggest the same come the Budget. Nevertheless, it insists that its growth programme goes far beyond a simple broad capital model.

The second type of endogenous growth model is based on the idea that long-run productivity growth is sustained by improvements in technology whether achieved by indigenous innovation or through technology transfer, the latter often through foreign direct investment. Here, Labour is looking carefully at tax breaks to encourage higher levels of research and development. Naturally, given that this would involve the dreaded T-word, it will not be more specific about its thinking until after the election.

Addressing Britain's patchy record on R & D is only one narrow strand of the innovation approach. Mr Blair has committed himself to the three priorities of education, education and education. Training for young people and the long-term unemployed is one of the most detailed of Labour's policy initiatives, to be financed by a windfall tax on utilities.

Professor Crafts favours an innovation rather than broad capital approach to growth. "The chief focus of policy to strengthen long-run growth performance should be to address market failures which weaken 'social capability' rather than to subsidise routine investment."

Kenneth Clarke, left, will offer voters more of the same, while Gordon Brown hopes to offer incentives for investment



CAN LABOUR RAISE BRITAIN'S GROWTH RATE?

Source: HSBC Markets

Labour appears to have moved away from a reliance on the latter, although Professor Crafts is alarmed by its windfall tax policy, an example of what he calls the opportunistic hijacking of returns. Foreign firms — who invest in Britain and therefore provide a relatively efficient and cheap way of getting extra technological know-how — and British business thinking about investing more — would be entitled to feel threatened by any hint that Labour is prepared arbitrarily to expropriate their profits. Labour, of course, insists that the windfall tax is a one-off in a special case and argues that the rest of British business recognises it as such.

Of course, the problem with policies aimed at promoting higher long-term growth is that the pay-offs are so distant that few politicians would stake their re-election on them. So it is that much of Labour's detailed micropolicy work — and for that matter current Conservative thinking — is on a much smaller scale and is about making the current economic system work more efficiently. In this category come efforts to harmonise the tax and benefit system to get rid of poverty traps and remove the disincentive of huge marginal tax rate barriers at the lower end of the labour market; schemes to encourage investment in private pensions; providing nurseries and after-school clubs to remove the childcare barrier to many women working; training for young people and the long term unemployed.

This work is not likely to have any impact on Britain's long-term growth rate but does have implications for the level of public borrowing, positive in itself. And incremental reform designed to create opportunity and remove disincentives at least has the advantage of being practical to implement and of not scaring the voters witless. Look at the furore over scrapping child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds and one can understand new Labour's view that forcing people to save for their retirements is far less attractive than changing the tax system to attract people to doing it voluntarily.

The advantage of new Labour's economic team is that it is academically literate and relatively unburdened by the ideology of its predecessors. Pragmatism is likely to rule. But some in Labour's ranks truly believe that to fail in raising the long-term growth rate of the economy would be to fail as a government. That may be too idealistic a view and, in power, Labour may find it has to curtail its ambitions.

What Down Under may hold for M&S

The big three retailers paint a gloomy picture of the future, says **Rachel Bridge**

Ask any British expat in Australia what they miss most about home and the chances are that Marks & Spencer will be high on the list.

Along with English beer, a Saturday postal service and decent Sunday newspapers, M&S has been seen as one of the few essentials of life that Australia has been lacking. And news that it plans to open a store Down Under next year, as a franchise operation, has sent a ripple of excitement through Sydney's inner suburbs.

That excitement is, however, unlikely to be shared by the participants in Australia's retailing scene, which since the start of the year have been complaining loudly and often about how fiercely competitive the market is and how tough trading conditions are.

The A$120 billion (£59.40 billion) retail sales cake is dominated by three players, all of whom have both food and non-food operations. Coles Myer, with 71 department stores, more than 500 supermarkets and 425 discount clothing stores is the main player with a 17 per cent market share. Woolworths — no relation to the British version — controls about 10 per cent of te market. Finally there is David Jones, which has only 32 stores but has a significant presence at the top end of the business.

All three have painted a gloomy picture of the way ahead in the face of surveys that suggest that Australians are far more interested in spending on entertainment and gambling than on shopping.

At first glance the figures do not make cheery reading for a new competitor. Coles Myer's profits fell 34 per cent to A$280.4 million in the year to June 1996. Woolworths' profits were flat at A$234 million, while David Jones's profits of A$98.3 failed to meet forecasts made when it floated a year ago.

However, retail analysts say that the problem is not so much to do with lack of consumer demand; rather it is with the industry itself, which has fallen into the trap of heavy price discounting and now finds itself unable to get out.

Over the past few years a rash of discount department stores has sprung up in Australia and the established players have slashed prices too in a desperate attempt to compete.

Peter Bartels, chief executive of Coles Myer, admitted: "Where once retailers used to shape consumers' preferences, now the roles are reversed. The customer is king and in every respect they are demanding more for less. In this environment, Coles Myer has taken the view that the maintenance of market share is of paramount importance."

At the same time there has been a race to open new stores in an attempt to make up for lost time in the late Eighties when for many reasons a lack of capital expenditure left manyon the sidelines.

Simon Shakesheff, retail analyst at Macquarie Bank said: "There's this mad rush to get stores on the ground because there's a perception that there are only a certain number of prime retail sites left in Australia." All of which, analysts contend, has left a gap at the quality end of the market. Adrian Richardson at First Pacific, the stockbroker, said: "A recurring criticism we have of the Australian non-food sector is basically that it is suffering from a lack of innovation, a lack of something new. There is a preoccupation with price rather than service. That has left a big opportunity for someone like Marks & Spencer to come in."

> ❛There is this mad rush to get stores on the ground❜

He added: "The Australian market is lacklustre in terms of retailing skills and hopefully the arrival of Marks & Spencer will prove to be a catalyst to accelerate the changes here."

Analysts argue that so far the biggest problem for Australian retailing has been the lack of incentive to change.

Chris Tideman, the British former chief executive of Burton's retail arm in the UK, said that when he arrived in Australia to head David Jones last year he found a company far removed from his idea of a modern retail business. "The systems were quite appalling. " The only way to find out how much of a particular item had been sold, for example, was to ask every store to count up how many they had left on the shelves.

BUSINESS LETTERS

CBI suspicious of declaring any country 'the winner'

From the Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry

Sir, Your report (October 17) on my speech to an Anglo-German business conference suggested that I had described Germany as "Europe's most successful economy" and that "Britain should not be afraid of inheriting Germany's high wage level, associated with the social chapter". This gives a misleading impression of what I said in three respects. First, I actually said I am very suspicious of declaring any country or model of society "the winner", given that the long-term economic performance of developed countries is actually remarkably similar. Second, I made it clear in answer to a question that the CBI supports the social chapter opt-out and why we do so. In fact, Germany's high wage costs are neither caused by, nor "associated with", the social chapter. Finally, no economy should inherit or impose any given level of wages, but if it is competitively successful, these will over time become higher.

Yours sincerely,
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Plenty of shops but BAA still flops

From Sir Terence Conran,

Sir, So BAA has taken its nation of shopkeepers to the USA (Ian Brodie, October 23) and the locals, it seems, like their "air malls". They are welcome to them.

Having turned Britain's airports into shopping bazaars where you can, if you're lucky, also catch a plane, the authorities in Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Boston and elsewhere might pause to consider just how successfully BAA fulfils its primary purpose — the smooth and efficient processing of passengers arriving at and departing from its airports — before leasing out their real estate to a select group of retailers.

Yours faithfully,
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Informed debate on jurors in fraud trials

From Mr Keith Oliver

Sir, Pennington ("Jury's out on fraud trials", October 18) does a considerable disservice to the jurors on the Maxwell trial whose approach and dedication I commended in my letter to the Editor published on September 26.

There is no reason why informed debate on the use of jurors in cases of serious fraud should not be encouraged.

However, those in a position to contribute should first examine the evidential issues in the Maxwell trial and the 131 days of trial transcripts, before condemning the system out of hand.

Yours faithfully,
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Main purpose of airport should be uppermost in the design

From Professor Peter Campbell

Sir, While noting Sir John Egan's axiom that airports should be made more pleasant for travellers and more profitable for business ("BAA takes the Heathrow experience to America", October 23), the main purpose of an airport should surely be uppermost in the design.

This thought occurred to us when tackling the scrum in Terminal 1 at Heathrow on a Saturday last July. If the Terminal did not contain so many shops there could surely be a proper arrangement for the check-in desks.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CAMPBELL,
1 Hillside Gardens,
N6.

Decision to drop Societies Bill is welcome

From Mr John Marshall, MP for Hendon South (Conservative)

Sir, You quote a Treasury spokesman as saying that there is "a real danger that more societies would convert to public companies" if there wasn't a change in the law (October 24). I am tempted to ask: does the Treasury welcome wider share ownership and does it believe in the market place? Does the Treasury not realise that the flotation of Abbey National led to a number of individuals becoming shareholders in a quoted company for the first time. Does it not realise that the proposed flotation of a raft of building societies would do the same. Does it not also realise that the market place rather than the cosy club that is the Building Societies Association is a better guide to economic efficiency. The decision to drop the Bill will be welcomed by all who believe in wider share ownership, competition and efficiency.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MARSHALL,
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Principal abandons float plans

BY FRASER NELSON

PRINCIPAL HOTELS has abandoned its plans to float on the Stock Exchange next month after failing to fetch the £110 million market value it had hoped for.

The company, which sought to raise £50 million from the float, said that its placing price had come under pressure. The *flotation plans had suffered* from "investor fatigue," being the fifth hotel to come to the stock market this year.

However, Scottish High*land Hotels, which like Princi*pal consists of a small number of high-star hotels, yesterday confirmed *that it still intends* to seek a listing next month.

Hamish Grossart, Highland's chairman, said the company had enjoyed an *"excellent reception" from* institutions, and had already fixed a flotation price unaltered from its target two months ago. It is expected to join the market on November 11, priced at £30 million.

John Lewis, Principal's chairman *who led a management* buyout two years ago, said the institutional response *had been encouraging, but the* plans had been shelved when it became clear the share price would fall below expectations.

"It is understandable that our venture capital backers have chosen to support us rather than accept what they believe to be an inappropriate flotation price," he said.

The venture capitalists, led by NatWest Ventures, have agreed to provide extra funds to Principal, which it *is* expected to spend on its existing portfolio without making acquisitions.

The City registered little *surprise at the news* yesterday. One analyst said: "Once you've sat through presentations from companies telling you exactly the same thing, *you do begin to get weary."*

Thistle Hotels, which floated last month, had to settle for a £1 billion price tag, at the lowest end of expectations. Its shares yesterday fell back to the 170p flotation price. Jarvis Hotels, up 4½p at 113p, joined *the market in June at 177p.*

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John Lewis, of Principal, right, with John Tham, managing director of Cliveden, where Mr Lewis is also chairman

Stakis to open hotel in Dublin

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

STAKIS, the hotel and leisure group, is to open a four-star hotel near Dublin city centre.

The *194-bedroom hotel is* to be built by Charlemont Properties, a Dublin property company, and is due to open next September. Under the deal, *announced* yesterday, Stakis has agreed to lease the hotel from Charlemont for an annual rent of Ir£1.19 million until 2005, when it can exercise an option to buy the property *for about Ir£8 million.*

The hotel at Charlemont Place will have conference faciltities for up to 300 and underground parking. It will employ 130 people.

The Dublin hotel market is booming, with 25 hotels either under construction or in the planning process.

There has been a dramatic increase in the *number* of overseas visitors to the Republic of Ireland over the past couple of years. According to the World Tourism Organisation, Irish tourism growth was about 15 per cent last year, compared with a European average of 2 per cent.

Stakis is currently developing a £16 million hotel and golf *resort near Northern Ireland's* main airport at Templepatrick.

The company yesterday refused to confirm stock market speculation that it is to an*nounce the £300 million take*over of the Metropole hotel chain from Lonhro.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

RTZ-CRA output figures lift shares

RTZ-CRA, the mining company, cheered stock markets on both sides of the world yesterday, with third-quarter figures that showed that production of almost all minerals was ahead of the same period last year. Shares in CRA jumped 23 cents to close at A$20.05 *on the Australian stock market*, helping the All-Ordinaries index reach a new high of 2377.6, while RTZ *shares were up* 1½ at 966½ in London. The star performance came from RTZ-CRA's Phase III expansion of its Escondida copper mine in Chile, which increased its copper output 63 per cent to 66,900 tonnes in the quarter to September and so helped RTZ-CRA's total copper production rise 9 per cent *to* 193,500 *tonnes. Total refined* copper production increased 45 per cent.

Aluminium production rose 11 per cent to 99,000 tonnes in the quarter compared with the same period last year, largely because of increased production at Bell Bay in *Australia and the smelter expansion project at Tiwai Point* in New Zealand. Gold production was 5.6 per cent higher at 506,000 ounces. And US coal production was 6 per cent higher at 10.48 million tonnes on the back of increased demand for low sulphur coal from its Antelope, Colowyo *and Spring Creek mines. Australian coal output was* affected by industrial action leaving total coal production in the third quarter marginally down at 17.1 million tonnes.

Boeing heads higher

BOEING, the aircraft maker, had a 13 per cent rise in third-quarter profits to $254 *million, from* $225 *million* a year ago, helped by an increase in sales and higher investment *income. Revenues rose to $5.6 billion, from $4.38 billion, as* it delivered a total of 54 airliners, compared with 51 last time. For the first nine months net income soared to $841 million from $175 million a year ago, when the company took a $600 million charge related to an employee *retirement programme.*

R-R in $30m jets deal

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aero engines manufacturer, is to participate in a $100 million deal to supply engines for up to seven Airbus jets. The company is a major part of International Aero Engines, *which builds V2500 engines for* the A320, and its share in the contract for Dragonair of Hong Kong is thought to be worth more than $30 million. The airline is buying two A320s with an option to purchase five more. Rolls recently announced its first-half order book had risen to £7 billion, with a further £1.55 *billion to be booked.*

Shorts seeking staff

SHORT BROTHERS, *the Belfast* aerospace company, *is to* take on an extra 120 staff at its advanced composite production plants. The Bombardier subsidiary said yesterday that the jobs were being created to cope with demand as a result of increased aircraft production by its major customers, including other *Bombardier companies*, Boeing and Rolls-Royce. Earlier this year Shorts was forced to cut its workforce by almost 1,000 after the collapse of the Fokker company to which it supplied wing sets.

Irish recruit abroad

A SCARCITY of qualified and experienced senior executives in the Republic of Ireland is forcing many companies in *Dublin's International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) to* look abroad for recruits, a *survey revealed yesterday*. Almost 74 per cent of the 20 IFSC companies *surveyed by* Amrop International Ireland said they had recruited from overseas because they could not find Irish managers with appropriate *qualifications and experience. Only 13 per cent said they had* experienced problems settling expatriate recruits in Dublin.

Eurotherm buys in US

EUROTHERM, the controls and instrumentation company based in Sussex, has bought Continental Industries Inc., of Phoenix, Arizona, for a cash consideration of $4.5 million, it was announced *yesterday. The company specialises in solid state* switching device technology and its products will complement Eurotherm's existing power controllers, which are manufactured in France and the United States. Eurotherm shares fell 7p to 603p yesterday.

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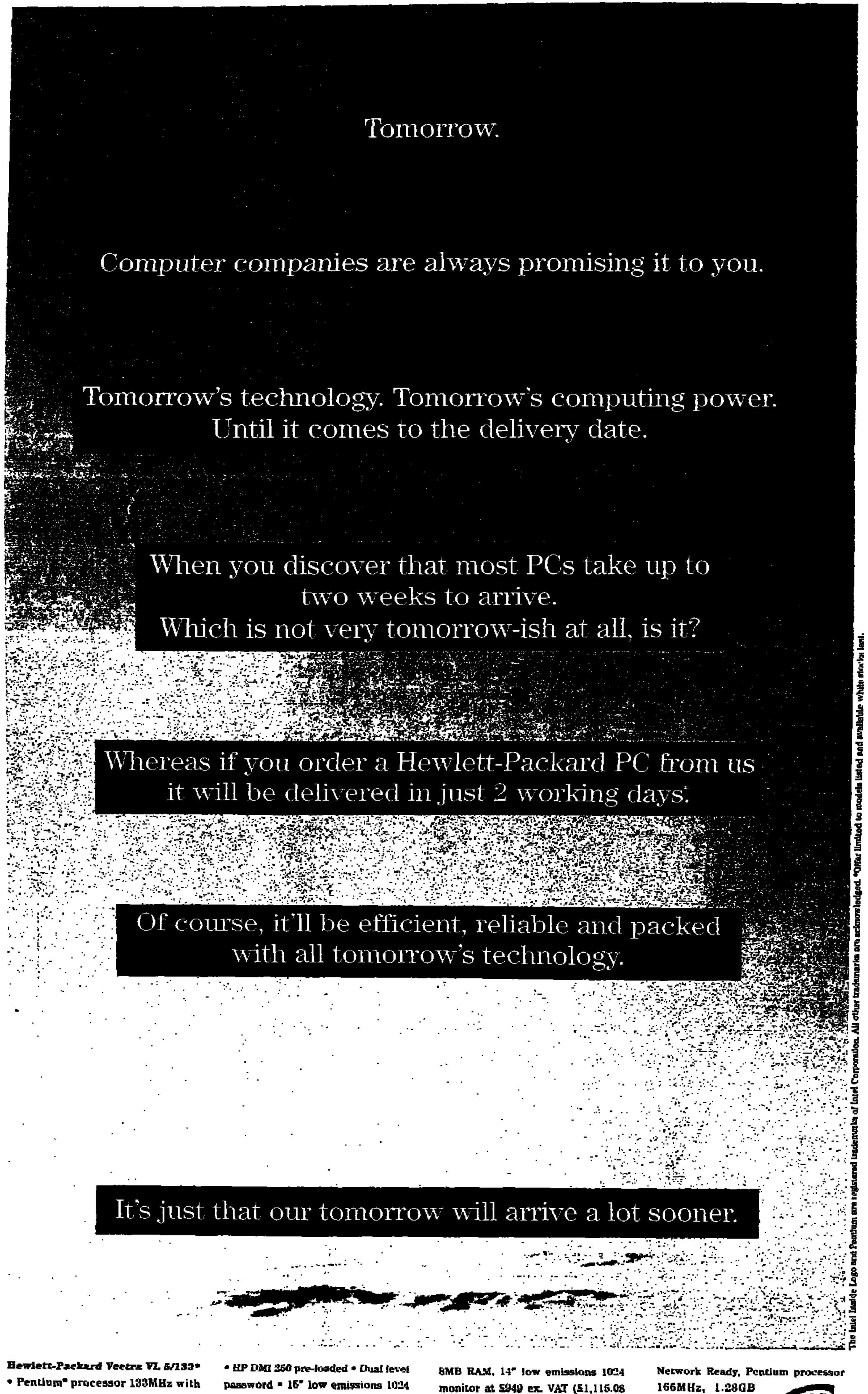

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	Allied Domecq	461½	+ 2½	6.4	17.5
[illegible]	477	Bulmer (HP)	515		3.1	11.3
[illegible]	68½	Burn Stewart	78		6.2	
[illegible]	615	Glenmorangie A	755		2.0	19.3
596	411	Grand Met	478½	- 9½	4.0	20.3
593	425	Guinness†	446	- 10	4.3	13.8
373	315	Highland Dist	330	- ½	3.2	15.6
393	277½	Matthew Clark	287½	- 1½	10.2	14.0
131	93	Morland W	110½		5.1	10.1
2612½	1606½	SA Breweries	1678½	- 12½	2.0	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3716½	2743½	ABN-AMRO	3384½	+ 12½	3.7	12.9
663	538	Abbey Nat	610½	+ 9	4.8	11.3
400	315	Allied Irish	395½	- 4½	4.6	11.3
373½	295	Aus New Z	366½	+ 8½	5.0	9.0
5593½	3643½	Bank America†	5606½	+ 18½		
316	277½	Bank Scotland†	278		3.3	10.2
1012	693	Barclays	996	- 7½	3.5	10.8
529½	413	Bk of Ireland†	525	- 3½	3.6	12.0
482	379	Cater Allen	407		5.2	12.1
5669½	4031½	Citicorp	5562½			
392	337½	Close Bros†	329		3.8	13.3
1575	1316½	Commerzbk	1431½	+ 6½	3.5	
1350	1040½	Dai Ichi Kan Y†	1050	+ 8½	0.5	
3412½	2303½	Deutsche Bk	2962½	+ 9½	2.5	
906½	593½	Espirito Santo	784½	+ 3½	4.4	10.8
1507	1146	Fuji Bank Y	1152½	- 4½	0.4	
472	266	Gerrard Nat	270½		11.0	10.7
267½	196	Hambros	253	- ½	3.7	
1312	931	HSBC	[illegible]			
1277½	930	HSBC HK	1301½	+ 3½	3.6	12.3
463½	385	Irish Perm†	1269	+ 6½	3.7	12.0
197	143	King Shaxson	466½	+ 1	3.1	12.8
458	405	Leopold J	176½		8.4	15.3
416½	294½	Lloyds TSB	455		5.4	16.5
685½	586	Nat Aust Bk	391½	- 6½	3.8	16.6
726½	605½	Nat West	685½	+ 14½	6.2	8.9
67	49½	Rea Brothers	711	+ 3	4.7	10.2
596	464	Ryl Bk Scot	61½		2.0	24.2
1465	1185	Schroders†	495½	- 2	4.3	10.9
1205	820	Schroders NV†	1380	- 7½	1.6	15.7
154	99½	Singer & Fried†	1160	- 5	1.9	13.2
729½	547	Stand Chart	137		4.2	9.3
115½	85½	Union	652	+ 5½	2.3	12.7
£174½	£131½	Wells Fargo	103½		3.6	11.1
348½	264	Westpac	£164½		2.0	
360	268	Wolverh	345½	+ 5	4.0	10.8
			325		4.7	16.8

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
90	36	Ainsle Sik Hse	70			10.5
846½	702	Bass	768	- 11½	3.8	16.5
70	40	Brit for the Brit	55½		3.7	17.3
205	161	Burtonwd Brw	177½		3.9	16.0
134½	92	City Centre Rest	134		2.1	25.3
621	463	Compass Gp	613½	+ 7½	1.6	29.2
386	190	Eldridge P 'A'	235	+ 3½	2.6	21.7
540	413	Fuller Sm A	450		2.6	15.4
636	546	Greenalls Grp	568½	- 3½	3.2	15.4
671	567½	Greene King	649½	- ½	3.0	16.3
265	190	Grosvenor Inns	201½	2	3.6	27.4
259	204	Groupe Chez Gerr	246		1.4	

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1½	0½	Anglo Utd	0½			
388	288	Antofagasta	355		1.8	13.7
387	263	Ascot Hldgs	303½	- 5½		11.5
1056	797½	Broken Hill	797½		3.1	17.8
340	229	BTR†	250	- ½	4.8	18.7
596	418½	BAT†	425½	- 2½	7.3	9.4
224	103	Berisford Intl	110½		4.0	8.0
138½	108	Bibby (J)	138½		5.4	10.1
65	50½	Brierley Inv	57½	- 1	8.5	9.1
972	810	Chartert	835	- 2½	4.2	11.9
328	234	Cookson†	245	+ ½	4.3	13.0
212½	141	Cosalt	207½	- 5	5.5	13.1
283	204	DCC	282½		3.2	10.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
668	426	Bromsgrove†	665		2.8	19.0
26½	18	Bridgend Gp	21		1.2	
113	76	Bat Fittings†	95		4.9	10.9
290	245	Caltype	285		5.0	27.6
180	105	Chemrate	132½	- 1	3.2	3.7
107½	76	Charles Sidney	82½		5.8	11.6
79	54½	Cook (DC)	60		4.4	7.4
175	85½	Day Motors†	95½	- 9½	10.1	6.7
163	125½	Dennans El	142½		3.3	14.3
434	328	Diploma	389½		4.7	13.7
407	320	Electrocomp	395		2.1	25.3
314	172	Eurodis Elect	185	- 1	3.3	17.8
134½	65	Eurodollar	121½	- 2	4.2	18.2
105	76	European Mtr	85½	- 1	7.6	9.6
375	255	Evans Halshaw	254		8.1	8.9
67	48	Fife Indmar	50		8.2	7.6
338	248	Firstlet Grp	314½		2.5	19.1
33½	16½	Gardiner	33½		3.3	13.4
87	33½	Glenchewton	76		1.7	22.5
97½	70½	Goodingst	95½		4.0	14.5
101	84½	Hamlett	90½		8.3	8.4
282	216	Harris (Philip)	253½		4.0	19.1
295½	200½	Heatham	279½	+ 1	2.3	23.0
300	152	Holders Tech	176½		4.2	16.6
329½	153	ISA Intl	208½	- 1	1.5	19.0
316	231	Inchcape†	285½	- 1	3.6	24.4
78	33	Jacks (Wm)#	62½		4.0	21.5
260	189	Kalt-Fir†	228½	- 1	2.8	18.3
390	299	Lex Service	365		5.3	11.7
155	115	Lookers	117½		8.5	6.9
17	10½	Malaca Emp	11½		7.0	12.6
9½	6	Middlesex C	6½		1.5	9.5
47	31	Microtec	46½	+ 3½	0.6	
565	440	Norbain	490		1.9	14.3
349	230	Northamber	297½	+ 3	0.9	11.0
162	108	PCT Int	125		7.7	11.7
331	201½	Partco	219½		2.9	15.2
341	272	Pendragon	332½		3.5	16.1
211	145	Perry Grp	176½		5.9	9.0
745	602	Premier Farnell†	674		2.1	26.2
190	135	Quicks Group†	157½		5.2	11.8
315	185	REA	232	- 2	2.2	27.8
3	2	Renco	2½			
54	25½	Ronson	27½		6.8	9.5
4½	2	Ross Gp	3½			
56	46½	SEP Indl	51½	- ½	4.0	11.2
195	69	Saltire	85		1.5	27.6
417½	246	Time Products	366		3.8	14.8
53½	30	Toner Group†	52	½	1.3	17.8
301½	123	UNIECO	300		1.8	26.3
332½	263½	Vardy (Reg)	293½	- 4	2.8	13.8
463	325	WF Elect	452		3.6	19.3
59	25½	Wilshaw	39½	+ ½	2.7	10.6
149½	75½	Wyko†	133½	- 1	2.1	18.9
146	104	Young (H)	145½		3.4	13.4

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
151	109	Adwest†	129		7.6	27.5
295	180	Airflow Stream	198		5.1	8.4
753½	473	Avon Rubber	636½		3.2	17.0
101	57½	BSG	97½		4.2	15.1
353	260	Bowman	264	+ 1½	3.3	10.7
29	15	Boustead	18½		7.6	
307	175	ERF	293		1.3	
623	431	Fiat Tech	625	+ 4	1.7	20.7
1186	778	GKN	1153½	- 2	2.7	13.9
3800	2950	General Mtr	3287½		3.1	
669	497	Hardys	591	- 12½	2.8	14.8
1758½	1312½	Honda Motor	1501½	+ 23½	0.5	

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
85	55	Clubhaus	72			
251	160	Eurocamp	162½		6.5	7.8
208	128½	Euro Disney	127	- 2		
214	148	Euro Leisure	170			4.2
19	12½	Famingtal	12½			
86	49½	First Choice†	58½		8.2	
400	345	First Leisure†	380		2.7	20.9
190	142	Friendly Hotels	174½		4.1	22.0
898	619	Granada	884	- 11	1.7	22.4
57	25	Hi-Tec Sports	40½	- ½		16.2
232½	148	Hornby	231		2.4	
553	423	Hozelock	442½	- 3	2.6	16.2
193	155	Jarvis Hotels	164	- ½		
301½	201	Jurys Hotel	257½	+ 3½	3.1	
31½	22	Kunick	22	- ½	3.7	18.5
213	143	Ladbroke†	198	- 1½	3.8	26.2
322½	212½	London Clubs	318½	- 1½	3.1	21.0
595	188	Man Utd	543	- 1	1.2	
96½	77½	Mandarin Orntl	85½		4.0	19.0
353½	278	Millennium & Cop	339½	- 4½	0.3	26.8
159	39	Northern	158		3.4	15.9
146	114	Prism Leisure	122½		5.9	7.2
38	29	Queensborough	31			
32	11½	Queens Moat	16½			
547	421½	Rank Grp	426	- 8	4.7	14.2
47	31	Ryan Hotels (E)	38½	½	5.6	7.8
1425	930	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1412½		1.2	55.1
215	171½	Sinclair (Wm)†	196½	+ 2	5.1	17.2
115	80	Skies	97	+ ½	2.6	19.1

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Nth America	375.10	399.10†		
Europe	363.10	386.30†		0.48
Ent Excell	93.21	99.16		2.65
Brit Fndmtls Acc	115.90	123.40†		4.55
Brit Fndmtls Inc	77.60	82.56†		4.55
Global Opps	102.10	109.70		
Balanced Acc	64.13	68.23†		2.54
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Asian Pacific	324.10	346.60	- 0.10	0.09
Assets & Earnings	313.40	335.20	- 1.60	2.76
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Extra Inc	43.44	46.21†	- 0.11	7.76
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Global Opps	69.38	73.81	- 0.71	0.54
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Extra Income #	47.10	50.17†	- 0.16	6.48
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Fixed Interest #	25.80	26.83	+ 0.02	8.85
Fund Inv Tst	154.40	162.00†	- 0.10	9.48
Japan	169.80	176.50	- 0.90	
Latin American	59.58	62.03	- 0.31	0.78
Pacific	84.10	88.30	- 0.11	0.30
Property Share	71.91	75.49	- 0.02	2.33
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UK Growth	54.96	57.93†	- 0.26	2.02
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International	188.90	201.90	- 0.10	0.11
Japan	191.10	204.20		
Pacific	410.30	438.60	+ 0.90	
Sec. of America	598.30	637.30	+ 2.90	0.12
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Pise Opps	222.50	225.40	+ 1.30	0.92
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Brst Inv Fd Inc	437.80	458.30†	- 2.50	2.44
European Bd Inc	97.92	101.40	- 0.10	6.46
Exempt	84.73	90.32†	- 0.61	2.79
500	510.10	557.10	- 1.30	2.34
General	333.20	356.90†	- 1.90	2.50
Property	246.00	264.00		5.12
Trustee	231.70	247.90	- 1.50	2.27
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†		5.05
Distribution Inc #	114.20	114.70†	- 0.49	5.98
Extra Income #	138.30	147.90†	- 0.70	4.78
Gilt & Fxd Int	59.11	61.17	- 0.06	7.80
Income #	599.20	640.90	- 3.30	4.56
Income Builder #	70.03	74.69	- 0.38	5.28
Intl Income	72.04	76.63	- 0.02	2.37
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	146.00	156.20	- 1.00	1.92
FTSE 100	103.30	110.00	- 0.80	2.56
Leisure	180.80	193.30	- 1.90	0.76
Recovery	504.50	539.60	- 3.50	2.64
Smlr Cos Inc	59.16	63.44	- 0.12	2.33
Special Sits	404.30	433.30	- 1.70	1.45
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	175.80	185.60	+ 0.40	0.37
F East Gwth Acc	289.50	308.60	+ 1.20	1.39
Far East Gwth	173.10	184.60	+ 0.80	1.39
Euro Gwth Inc	193.70	205.60	- 2.00	0.38
-do- Accum	210.70	223.60	- 2.20	0.38
Japan	141.70	150.50		
-do- Accum	143.30	152.20		
Japan Spec Sits	66.11	70.41	- 0.19	
Worldwide	199.40	211.60	- 0.80	0.32
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	136.00	143.70	+ 0.70	
Amer Smlr Cos	166.50	179.00	- 0.70	
Convertibles	61.76	66.14†	- 0.23	4.60
Eastern	300.40	322.40	+ 1.30	0.30
Equity Income #	100.10	107.10†	- 0.40	4.20
European Growth	362.20	385.10	- 1.10	0.80
Europe	358.40	381.80	- 0.70	0.80
German Growth	86.69	91.94	- 0.52	0.50
Global Bond	72.36	76.16	+ 0.14	6.20
Global Growth	146.30	155.50	- 0.10	0.40
Japan Growth	185.80	197.60	- 1.40	
Japan Sunrise	153.70	163.20	- 0.10	..
Gen Trust	62.06	67.13	- 0.26	
Portfolio	147.40	157.70	- 0.50	2.00
-do- Accum	279.40	298.90	- 1.10	2.00
UK Growth	107.80	115.70	- 0.50	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	99.10	107.60†		1.90
Select Managers	89.99	96.51	- 0.17	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	90.22	95.98		
Special Oppor Inc	60.59	64.46		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	144.27	152.67†	- 0.90	1.40
-do- Accum	162.95	177.72	- 1.05	1.40
Smaller Cos	156.86	165.99	0.47	0.68
Higher Yield #	58.10	61.49†	- 0.31	4.08
American Gth Inc	103.19	109.19	- 0.75	
European Growth	166.14	175.81†	- 1.22	
-do- Accum	169.48	179.35	- 1.25	
Global Bond Inc #	26.35	27.29	+ 0.05	4.52
Mngd Ptolio Inc	53.44	56.53†	- 0.10	1.40
-do- Accum	55.46	58.67	- 0.10	1.40
Intl Spec Opps	166.19	175.86	+ 0.14	
Pacific Gwth	146.24	154.75	+ 0.67	
UK General #	98.23	103.95	- 0.78	2.77
-do- Accum #	105.10	111.22	- 0.84	2.77
Japan	55.51	58.74	- 0.01	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	101.57	105.25	- 0.27	8.28
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.96	67.71	- 0.04	6.42
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	192.30	207.90	- 0.50	1.78
UK Growth	216.60	227.50	- 1.40	2.01
UK Income	149.30	156.80†	- 0.50	4.41
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	238.60	252.90	- 1.00	1.56
-do- Income Dist	126.80	134.40	- 0.40	3.72
-do- Accum	415.60	440.50	- 1.20	3.72
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.10	43.19	- 0.12	6.30
Growth Units	258.70	276.70	- 1.60	1.96
Bond	177.00	186.20	0.20	7.00
Intl Growth	246.10	261.90		0.19
North American	263.50	280.70	- 0.20	0.10
Far East	305.20	326.40	+ 0.70	0.70
UK Smaller Cos	224.70	240.30	- 0.20	0.94
European	97.32	103.10	- 0.30	0.53
Japanese Growth	44.47	47.16	- 0.06	
High Income	221.20	236.50†	- 1.00	4.15
L-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
…erican & Gen	222.80	236.40†		
…opean Inc	94.56	100.22	+ 0.06	0.48
…aller Cos (Acc)	109.60	116.60†		1.50
…wth	558.10	593.80	- 1.30	1.75
…come & Growth #	463.50	493.10	- 2.30	3.83
…-Accum #	700.70	745.50	3.40	3.83
…an & Gen	63.47	67.33	+ 0.03	
…al Portfolio	£122.22	£126.24†	- 41.00	1.80
…-Accum	£151.11	£156.07	- 51.00	1.80
…ecial Sits	129.70	138.00	- 0.30	1.79
…h Yield	£15.18	£15.65	- 7.00	4.23

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	103.25	110.12	- 0.24	2.31
American Portfolio	125.60	133.40	+ 0.52	0.85
European Portfolio	136.61	145.40†	- 0.21	0.61
High Income	57.70	60.19	- 0.17	6.96
Japanese Portfolio	65.27	69.02	- 0.04	
Pacific Portfolio	159.03	171.00	+ 0.83	1.39
UK Equity	97.82	104.59†	- 0.49	3.02
UK Equity & Bd	58.95	62.44	- 0.15	5.09
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	789.40	801.34	+ 3.17	4.17
Fxd Int Sec	157.20	157.84	- 0.82	9.06
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	773.59	785.29	- 0.57	4.30
Investment Acc	535.67	136.20	- 2.65	
Fixed Int Inc	127.31	127.83	+ 0.05	8.07
Fixed Int Acc	231.90	232.82		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	89.74	94.61†		3.97
Beck Bio-Tech	44.00	47.78	- 1.76	
Acorn Ethical Tst	193.31	202.99		0.43
City Fin Assets	84.56	88.80†		2.22
City Fin Intl	91.73	98.32†		0.45
Friars Hse Cap	376.60	347.45		2.43
Buckley Bond Gth	143.08	151.67†		
J Sd Inc/Gilt Inc	56.59	59.42	+ 0.23	3.21
Share Utilities	56.31	56.38	+ 0.18	6.46
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.54	58.93	+ 0.05	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	81.07	86.24	+ 0.19	
Dragon Growth	72.49	77.52	+ 0.44	0.41
Equity High Inc	90.20	96.66	- 0.31	4.03
-do- Accum	130.56	139.80	- 0.46	4.03
Extra Income Inc	26.57	27.98†		7.39
Extra Income Acc	29.24	30.78		7.39
European Gwth	63.65	67.53	- 0.15	0.89
Evergreen	31.83	34.04	- 0.02	0.03
General Equity	106.03	112.50	- 0.48	2.82
Japan Growth	46.43	49.39	- 0.16	
Pedigree Gwth	65.17	69.87	- 0.21	2.20
Pwd Sm Cos Inc	38.17	41.04	- 0.04	1.36
-do- Accum	40.44	43.48	- 0.05	1.36
Retirement Inc #	27.57	29.79	- 0.12	5.66
Special Sits	46.89	50.42	- 0.12	2.36
UK & Overseas	60.12	63.79	- 0.10	0.69
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 888 000				
Balanced	70.11	73.03	- 0.12	4.14
Capital	84.36	87.87	- 0.22	2.61
High Income	52.32	54.49	- 0.07	6.66
Top 50	57.20	59.58	- 0.27	2.57
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	196.37	204.55†	- 0.56	4.49
Long Gilt	43.28	45.06†	- 0.12	6.14
Monthly Inc Plus	50.06	52.15	- 0.07	8.59
Preference Share	46.89	48.84†	- 0.07	7.98
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	142.40	148.33†	- 0.45	5.75
Managed Fund	77.25	80.47†	- 0.19	2.70
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.97	58.22	- 0.20	1.89
-do- Accum	63.79	66.45	- 0.24	1.89
UK & General	99.31	103.45†	- 0.53	2.86
-do- Accum	130.62	136.06†	- 0.69	2.86
UK Growth	201.19	209.57	- 1.08	1.34
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	211.53	220.34	- 1.33	0.66
Far Eastern Gth	135.86	141.52	+ 0.41	0.02
Global Bond	79.40	82.71†	+ 0.10	5.99
Japan Growth	107.21	111.68	- 0.24	
North Amer Gth	241.70	251.77	- 0.73	
Oriental Growth	85.17	88.72	+ 0.37	0.26
Worldwide Growth	73.71	76.78	- 0.26	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.67	91.67†	+ 0.01	5.10
Homemaker Fund	93.30	99.26	- 0.46	1.52
Quilter Fund	158.31	168.41	- 1.08	1.89
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	36.12	38.65	- 0.15	4.29
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	181.20	192.80†		1.93
Income	73.54	78.23	- 0.16	4.63
European	75.47	80.29	+ 0.07	1.18
Recovery	194.00	206.40	- 1.00	2.19
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1019.30	1034.30		3.26
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	112.70	119.80†	- 0.30	1.15
Income #	290.50	308.00†	- 0.90	4.10
-do- Accum #	775.60	825.10	- 2.40	4.08
Smaller Cos	238.20	253.40	- 0.50	0.85
-do- Accum	295.80	314.60	- 0.70	0.85
Gth Portfolio	104.20	110.80	+ 0.60	1.39
High Inc Port #	84.97	90.39	- 0.27	4.19
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1691.90	1732.40	+ 5.60	
Japan Small Cos	1118.20	1137.30	- 21.70	0.01
UK Small Cos	2220.80	2313.20	- 8.30	2.88
US Small Cos	2136.50	2209.50	- 34.40	0.84
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	236.40	248.90		2.98
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	175.80	187.00	- 1.30	1.73
UK High Inc Inc	183.50	195.20	- 1.10	3.65
-do- Accum	247.80	263.60	- 1.40	3.65
UK Prel & F I Inc	60.08	63.75	- 0.04	5.80
Emerand Opps	99.55	105.90	- 0.50	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	70.23	74.71	- 0.07	0.80
Extra Income Inc	49.62	52.78	- 0.08	7.02
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 080 525				
American	178.50	188.90	- 0.60	0.42
Convertibles #	23.42	24.88†	- 0.03	5.63
Equity Income #	144.50	153.50†	- 0.60	3.91
Eurofund	63.83	67.53	+ 0.02	0.59
Financial	56.49	60.02†	- 0.06	1.50
Growth & Inc #	293.90	312.30	- 0.50	2.80
High Dist #	183.90	195.40	- 0.40	4.35
International	437.00	464.30	+ 0.50	0.11
Int Cap Inc	103.60	110.60†	+ 0.30	2.44
Latin American	32.49	34.52	- 0.19	
Pacific	81.82	86.99†	+ 0.50	
Pref High Inc	22.35	23.75†	- 0.05	7.58
Tokyo	212.20	224.60†	+ 0.50	
UK Smaller Cos	256.70	272.70	- 0.90	1.10
Domestic Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	334.20	352.90	- 1.20	1.02
Jap Smlr Co	411.80	436.70	- 0.50	
Nth Amer	430.50	456.30		0.64
UK Inc & Gth	254.80	272.60†	- 1.60	2.72
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BW Director Digs	119.20	127.49	+ 1.02	1.10
Growth Acc	262.77	280.39	+ 1.75	1.10
Income	620.75	663.90	+ 5.52	6.02
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	228.00	242.60†	- 1.80	1.00
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	91.74	96.57	+ 0.31	1.99
Ethical Tst	47.26	49.75	- 0.02	0.94
Far Eastern	302.58	318.51	+ 0.16	1.62
High Income	142.08	149.56	- 0.39	4.78
UK Index Tracking	51.97	54.70	- 0.35	3.13
Intl Growth	142.71	150.22	+ 0.30	0.29
North American	149.90	157.79†	+ 0.39	1.60
Pelican	142.82	150.34†	- 0.83	3.08
Smaller Cos	72.95	76.79	- 0.14	2.84
Special Sits	91.84	96.67†	- 0.15	2.59
Tst of Inv Tsts	219.19	230.73	- 0.01	1.25
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	236.60	250.64†	- 0.68	2.46
Smaller Cos Acc	425.86	453.04†	- 1.24	2.46
Recovery	58.47	62.20	- 0.24	1.70
Recovery Acc	60.42	64.28	- 0.23	1.70
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	94.96	101.83†	- 0.03	
Fd of Inv Tsts	53.09	56.63	- 0.06	0.51
High Income #	38.98	41.72†		17.03
Warrant	47.78	51.93†	- 0.12	
Zero Preference	45.63	48.41	+ 0.08	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	95.04	101.10†	- 0.50	2.58
United Charities	313.90	333.80†	- 1.10	2.14
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.20
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	28.49	29.55†	+ 0.07	5.27
Strategic Inc	27.13	28.36†	- 0.05	5.73
Income Funds				
High Income	26.89	28.22†	- 0.07	5.46
Income Plus	133.00	141.50	- 0.60	3.88
European Income	50.29	53.49	- 0.04	2.54
UK Div Gth	31.90	33.92	- 0.10	2.21
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	60.88	64.94†	+ 0.50	
American	328.10	347.50	+ 0.30	
Amer Spec Sits	186.70	199.60	+ 0.90	
Japan Smaller Cos	31.95	34.02	- 0.01	
European	232.60	247.40†	- 0.20	0.55
European Opps	81.58	86.75	- 0.27	0.02
Global Priv	30.89	32.86	- 0.02	0.34
UK Growth	125.80	133.80	- 0.40	1.46
Growth & Inc	180.60	192.10	- 0.70	2.42
Intl PEP	48.73	51.82	+ 0.04	1.06
Japan Spec Sits	84.66	89.88	- 0.24	
Japan	169.00	179.20	- 0.20	
Managed Intl	357.10	379.20	+ 0.90	0.49
Moneybuilder	67.33	71.59	- 0.04	
Recovery	63.10	67.10	- 0.09	1.61
South E Asia	187.40	199.90†	+ 0.40	0.96
Special Sits	735.00	781.50	+ 3.70	0.57
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	116.29	116.29	+ 0.01	5.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	151.20	153.80†		1.55
Finsbury Pri Inc #	97.18	98.57	- 0.19	4.00
Cap Ptfolio	166.80	169.50	- 0.60	0.84
General Opps	144.90	146.50†		4.14
Growth Inc	38.17	38.81	0.26	0.74
Private Portfolio	495.90	504.10		0.87
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 385 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	153.90	163.60	0.20	0.23
Emrg Asian	138.70	147.90†	- 3.30	...
High Income	21.48	22.81†	- 0.11	9.86
UK Income	175.90	173.60	- 0.30	4.05
US Smaller Cos	426.10	456.10†	- 0.10	

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6580 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	81.45	86.84	+ 0.61	
-do- Accum	81.45	86.84	+ 0.61	
Amer Smllr Cos	694.30	747.90	- 0.40	
-do- Accum	714.40	764.10	- 0.50	
Capital Tst	407.80	478.50†	- 1.20	1.50
-do- Accum	591.80	629.60†	- 1.70	1.50
Contl Smlr Cos	61.17	65.17	+ 0.27	1.09
-do- Accum	65.08	69.34	+ 0.31	1.09
Convertible	146.60	156.00	- 0.30	5.60
-do- Accum	317.50	337.80	- 0.40	5.60
Emerging Markets	64.82	69.25	- 0.14	0.30
-do- Accum	65.05	69.50	0.13	0.30
Europe	161.70	160.80	- 0.30	0.50
-do- Accum	160.80	170.50	- 0.70	0.50
Extra Income	398.80	424.30	+ 1.60	4.45
-do- Accum	634.90	675.40	+ 2.40	4.45
Financial	178.60	190.00†	- 0.30	0.46
-do- Accum	189.90	202.00†	- 0.30	0.46
Gilt Trust	63.52	65.49†	- 0.16	6.79
-do- Accum	98.78	107.80†	- 0.30	6.79
Health Fund Inc	268.90	274.50	+ 0.70	
-do- Accum	258.90	274.50	+ 0.70	
Income & Growth	236.30	251.40	- 1.00	3.61
-do- Accum	374.40	398.30	- 1.60	3.61
Intl Growth	435.00	463.70†	+ 0.50	
-do- Accum	483.00	515.00†	+ 0.70	
Japan & Gen	181.50	171.70	- 0.30	
-do- Accum	163.10	173.40	- 0.30	
Monthly Inc #	201.00	213.80†	0.70	4.38
-do- Accum #	201.00	213.80†	- 0.70	4.38
Managed Port Inc	123.40	129.90	+ 1.80	1.38
-do- Accum	134.10	141.20	+ 2.00	1.38
Quarterly Income #	58.43	62.68	- 0.16	5.28
-do- Accum #	67.13	72.01	- 0.18	5.38
Recovery	345.80	389.80		
-do- Accum	408.00	438.40		
UK Growth	68.47	72.84	0.38	2.76
-do- Accum	74.36	79.08	- 0.21	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	62.56	66.69	- 0.11	0.47
FP Am Smllr Cos	206.80	220.60	- 2.30	
FP Asian Growth	279.00	297.60	+ 1.10	
FP Australian	429.40	458.00	+ 6.50	
FP Equity Dist	468.70	499.90	- 2.80	2.41
-do- Accum	£10.34	£11.02	- 6.00	2.41
FP Euro Gth	289.70	309.00†	- 0.40	
-do- Accum	316.90	338.00	- 0.50	
FP Intl Bond	58.58	63.04	+ 0.11	4.47
FP Intl Gilt Dist	34.41	40.97	- 0.05	0.16
-do- Accum	56.07	59.80	- 0.10	0.16
FP Pac Basin Acc	217.58	232.00†	+ 0.80	
FP Income #	59.94	63.93	- 0.31	5.09
-do- Accum #	209.40	223.30	- 1.10	5.08
FP Jap Smllr Cos	286.10	305.10	+ 0.20	
FP Monthly Dist #	76.08	81.06†	- 0.22	4.97
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20†		5.05
FP Tokyo	78.30	83.52	- 0.10	
FP UK Focus	43.05	45.92†	- 0.32	2.02
FP UK Growth	203.40	217.08	- 1.70	2.19
-do- Accum	410.70	437.50	- 3.40	2.19
Stewardship Dist	438.60	467.80	- 1.00	1.36
-do- Accum	549.90	586.50	- 1.30	1.36
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	81.91	87.37	- 0.13	4.66
-do- Accum #	112.00	119.40	- 0.20	4.66
N Am Stshp Dist	126.70	135.10	- 0.10	0.30
-do- Accum	136.10	145.10	- 0.20	0.30
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	129.70	137.90	- 0.70	1.58
Open Cap Gth Acc	132.00	140.40	- 0.90	0.21
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	120.30	127.90	- 0.40	3.26
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	127.50	135.60	- 0.40	3.26
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	122.80	130.60	- 0.40	3.93
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	131.20	139.50	- 0.40	3.93
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	297.80	316.00	- 1.10	5.84
Cash	49.69	50.44	+ 0.01	2.36
Growth Portfolio	88.00	93.62	- 0.16	0.84
Income Portfolio	70.57	74.87	- 0.08	2.36
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 8441				
Special Sits	230.50	246.50	0.10	0.30
Dividend	99.66	106.60	- 0.10	4.59
Intl Gth & Inc	258.10	276.00	- 1.00	3.06
UK & Gen	51.86	55.47	- 0.06	1.50
Fund of Funds	75.52	80.77†	- 0.29	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 628 9431				
American Smlr Cos	257.10	275.00	+ 1.10	0.12
European Gth	742.30	790.50	+ 1.60	0.60
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	54.86	58.17†	- 0.02	5.19
-do- Accum	62.28	85.96	- 0.03	5.19
Far East & Gen	271.20	290.10	+ 0.30	..
German Growth	145.80	154.60	+ 0.20	
High Yield #	50.38	53.25	- 0.02	7.86
-do- Accum #	55.50	58.67	- 0.03	7.86
Income Inc	200.40	214.40	- 0.10	4.01
-do- Accum	229.10	245.10	- 0.10	4.01
Intl Growth	387.10	412.60	+ 0.90	0.30
Intl Income	96.33	102.00	- 0.20	2.91
Japan Growth	429.70	456.70	- 1.20	
Korean Securities	50.29	53.79	- 0.40	
Orient Acc	195.40	209.00	+ 0.60	0.14
UK General Inc	201.90	216.00	- 1.50	1.53
UK General Acc	360.80	385.90	- 2.70	1.53
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	60.73	64.95	- 0.38	1.79
UK Spec Sits	105.30	112.70†	- 0.50	1.46
US Growth	193.90	206.20	- 0.60	
Wwide Spec Sits	165.10	175.60	+ 0.50	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Digs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	62.68	66.99†	- 0.19	1.72
Cash Trust	146.67	146.67	+ 0.02	5.17
Practical Inv Inc #	124.39	133.04†	- 0.26	3.62
-do- Accum #	300.93	321.85†	- 0.65	3.62
UK Index	182.59	183.51†	- 0.80	3.18
UK Smaller Cos	205.12	219.39†	+ 0.23	0.12
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.28	25.16†	- 0.03	7.47
High Income	34.70	37.01†	- 0.13	4.89
UK Equity Income	160.29	171.67†	- 0.53	3.19
Global Bond	29.35	30.43†	+ 0.04	4.83
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	47.19	50.47	- 0.20	
Global Managed	151.23	160.64†	- 0.09	1.26
Gold & Intl Res	109.50	117.17	+ 0.15	
Global Utilities	141.88	151.26	- 0.20	1.41
Overseas Funds				
American	202.77	215.25	- 0.78	0.70
European	137.56	145.66	- 0.61	0.67
Euro Sel Opps	208.46	220.88†	- 1.02	
Amer Emerging	189.94	193.61	- 8.62	..
Hong Kong	171.56	183.44	- 0.17	1.42
Japan	226.48	240.47	- 0.72	
Pacific Growth	225.45	241.12	+ 0.58	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	265.40	266.48†	- 0.96	1.88
Long Term Bal	284.42	284.42†	- 0.75	2.91
Med Term Bal	233.82	233.82†	- 0.64	2.89
UK Equity	316.51	316.51	- 1.21	2.34
UK Emerging Cos	182.01	182.01	- 0.44	1.94
American	330.62	330.62†	+ 0.55	0.73
Japan	126.34	126.34†	- 0.40	
European	354.61	354.61†	- 1.82	0.89
Index Linked Gilt	188.85	188.85†	+ 0.21	2.65
Fixed Interest	177.89	177.89†	- 0.32	6.14
Amer Emergps	402.43	402.43†	- 1.43	
Pacific	229.66	229.66	+ 0.02	0.82
Emerging Mkts	122.66	122.66†	- 0.65	0.44
Index Strat Japan	139.65	139.65	- 0.15	0.18
-do- Pacific Rim	208.60	208.60	+ 0.07	1.11
-do- Cont Europe	189.84	189.84	- 1.00	1.74
Index Strat USA	193.07	193.07	+ 0.36	1.57
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	125.19	133.18	- 0.48	
Med Term Bal	111.55	118.67	- 0.32	
Long Term Bal	128.07	136.24	+ 1.23	
UK Equity	146.88	156.36	- 0.80	
UK Emerging Cos	85.52	90.98	- 0.22	
American	153.07	162.84	+ 0.27	
Japan	60.39	64.25	- 0.19	
European	147.22	156.62	- 0.80	
Fixed Interest	91.58	97.43	- 0.17	
Index Linked Gilt	84.03	89.39	+ 0.11	
Deposit	87.85	93.46	+ 0.02	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	159.93	168.35†	- 0.46	0.50
Brewin Gth Port Inc	73.69	77.77†	- 0.36	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	65.19	68.80†	- 0.22	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	61.40	64.80	- 0.42	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	622.45	662.18	- 4.82	0.88
-do- Accum	702.93	747.80	- 5.44	0.88
European Inc	180.46	191.80	- 0.80	1.28
Amalgam Inc	159.58	169.17		
N America Inc	426.36	453.57	- 0.94	
Far East Inc	365.13	388.44	- 8.95	
-do- Accum	378.42	402.58	- 9.28	
UK Devld Inc	212.86	226.45	- 0.48	1.86
BOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	102.41	109.52†	- 0.06	4.56
UK Small Cos	67.33	72.00†	- 0.09	0.62
British Growth	69.54	74.36	- 0.17	3.11
American Gwth	269.75	288.49	- 3.27	
Japan Gwth	61.27	65.52	- 0.08	
Greater China	204.98	219.22	- 0.15	0.16
Pacific Strategy	159.68	170.77	- 2.21	
European Gwth	120.17	128.52†	- 0.26	
Intl Growth	168.40	180.09	+ 0.39	
US Index (£)	18.1743	19.1496	+ 0.1346	3.75
FTSE 250 Ind	91.24	97.58	- 0.90	2.15
Monthly Income	41.66	44.52†	- 0.03	8.60
Index & Bear Funds Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gnd UK Index (£)	15.7796	16.6587	- 0.2417	4.50
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	113.88	121.12	- 0.35	1.50
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 8888				
European	586.60	625.60	- 0.10	0.34
Gilt & Fixed	130.50	138.40	- 0.10	5.56
Growth Equity	441.80	472.00	- 2.60	1.29
Income Trust	154.80	165.30	- 0.40	4.12
International	210.80	225.20†	- 0.30	0.03
Japan Trust	115.50	123.30	- 0.10	
Nth American	367.30	392.40†	+ 0.90	
Pacific	583.80	623.50†	- 0.30	0.69
Guardhill	654.40	699.10	- 2.50	1.35
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2128				
EMU Trust	108.13	112.23	+ 0.21	5.22
Global High Inc	101.62	105.46	+ 0.18	5.65
Corporate Bond	105.47	109.47	- 0.06	6.69
Eqty & Bond Inc	110.96	117.98†	- 0.35	5.49
European Growth	129.42	137.61	- 0.92	
Intl PEP Trust	70.92	75.41	- 0.30	
Equity Inc	137.75	146.46	- 0.75	4.11
-do- Accum	202.20	214.98	- 1.10	4.11
Recovery	406.30	432.00†	- 17.40	1.51
-do- Accum	485.20	515.80	- 20.90	1.51
St Vinc High Inc	131.09	133.05	- 0.29	7.34
UK Emerg Cos	312.80	332.60	0.50	2.31
UK Smlr Cos	408.70	416.90	- 0.70	2.55
Glob Ptnr Tst	116.48	123.85†	+ 0.15	1.70
-do- Accum	121.07	128.73	+ 0.16	1.70
Inc Share Tst	90.70	96.44†	- 0.09	9.10
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	57.44	60.91	- 0.17	3.71
Balanced Acc	61.09	64.78	- 0.19	3.71
Growth	34.28	36.35†	- 0.09	2.28
Growth Acc	35.45	37.59	- 0.09	2.28
Income	32.54	34.50†	- 0.10	4.23
Income Acc	34.76	36.86	- 0.11	4.23
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	26.47	28.07	- 0.06	3.11
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	101.50	104.90	- 0.10	6.36
Model Ptolio	247.10	260.30†	- 1.20	2.58
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	370.13	356.03†	- 1.78	0.86
Best of British	75.57	80.32	- 0.29	2.10
UK Smaller Cos	158.31	170.17	- 0.49	1.37
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	315.14	335.60	- 1.14	3.31
-do- Accum #	888.40	946.10	- 3.22	3.30
High Income	340.09	363.54†	- 1.09	4.31
Extra Income #	291.19	309.67†	- 0.91	5.84
Pml & Bond	48.98	50.61†	- 0.06	8.30
International				
Ethical	125.60	133.68	- 0.35	1.65
International	325.96	346.19†	0.18	
Global Bond	56.29	58.32†	- 0.02	5.34
Mid Port Tst	100.89	107.89	- 0.40	0.60
Global Tech	241.86	260.35	+ 1.93	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	195.89	209.32	+ 0.92	0.03
European	622.31	659.86†	- 0.14	0.49

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Income #	94.51	100.12	- 0.23	3.34
Euro Smlr Cos	195.92	209.18†	- 0.56	0.35
European Value	94.87	100.93†	- 0.21	0.42
-do- Accum	102.06	108.64	- 0.23	0.42
Japan Trust	216.07	229.42	- 1.18	
Japan Smlr Cos	217.68	231.63†	- 0.94	
Pacific Smlr Cos	239.84	256.51†	+ 0.55	
North American	378.02	349.05	+ 0.42	
American Smaller	179.89	131.95†	+ 0.44	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	161.60	170.20	+ 0.70	4.97
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	125.60	131.67†	- 0.69	1.82
Capital	208.09	217.89	- 0.54	1.37
Dollar	514.30	508.58†	- 1.80	
Enterprise Gth	445.35	466.33†	- 3.13	1.05
European	275.16	289.13	- 0.56	0.50
Far East	316.40	331.31	- 0.09	0.31
Financial	£10.53	£11.03†	- 0.44	1.77
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.39	27.45†		6.50
High Yield #	112.96	118.28	- 0.33	5.05
Income & Growth #	164.60	172.35†	- 0.72	3.68
International	297.22	311.29	+ 0.29	0.24
Japanese General	199.87	209.29	+ 0.12	
Japan Tech	84.58	88.56	+ 0.06	
Ntl Resources	83.51	87.44	- 0.11	0.39
Portfolio	88.03	92.18	- 0.21	1.05
Special Sits	213.06	223.09	0.82	0.15
UK Emerging Cos	123.46	130.75†	- 0.03	0.68
US Smaller Cos	166.58	174.43	- 0.31	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds - UK				
Income #	656.00	700.10	- 3.00	5.03
UK Growth	736.60	786.10†	- 3.40	2.45
High Income #	116.40	124.20†	- 0.30	5.80
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	629.80	666.20	+ 1.40	0.26
European Gwth	146.10	155.70	- 0.10	0.11
Japan Gwth	264.00	290.70†	- 0.80	
Japan Smlr Cos	32.02	34.17	0.06	
Asian	63.29	67.55	+ 0.18	0.18
Sing & Malay Gwth	85.69	91.45	+ 0.75	
Hong Kong Gwth	162.40	162.70	+ 0.50	1.19
Global Bond	22.24	23.48	+ 0.05	5.36
Index Funds UK				
UK Index	172.30	173.70	- 0.70	3.31
Trade Index	130.70	134.00	- 0.30	2.18
THE FOOTSIE FUND	67.17	67.51	- 0.34	2.82
Index Funds-International				
American Index	292.10	293.60	+ 1.00	0.95
Eurotrack 100	200.60	201.60	- 0.70	1.40
Japan Index	74.58	74.95		0.09
Tiger Index	192.60	197.80†	0.40	
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	50.18	52.24†	+ 1.47	1.11
General Funds				
Managed Dist	88.87	94.61	- 0.08	1.39
Managed	93.36	97.20	- 0.09	1.39
Rupert Child Fnd	105.80	110.20	- 0.30	2.06
UK Growth	73.21	76.22	- 0.29	1.85
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	88.73	93.42†	- 0.33	5.40
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.00	27.89†	- 0.03	8.02
UK Inc & Gwth	49.40	51.43†	- 0.15	3.01
UK Income #	383.00	398.80†	- 1.50	4.17
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	65.24	67.61†	- 0.16	0.11
Amer Smllr Cos	168.40	175.30	+ 0.90	
-do- Accum	170.30	177.30	+ 1.00	
Europe Gth	235.70	245.30†	+ 0.30	
-do- Accum	244.10	254.10†	+ 0.40	
Euro Smaller Cos	46.01	47.90†	- 0.06	
French Growth	98.58	102.40	+ 0.10	0.08
-do- Accum	106.60	110.70	+ 0.10	0.08
H Kong & China	100.90	104.90	+ 0.30	0.02
Intl Growth	68.93	71.70†	+ 0.04	0.12
-do- Accum	70.19	73.01†	+ 0.04	0.12
Japan Gth	30.37	31.60	+ 0.06	
-do- Accum	30.37	31.60	+ 0.06	
Japan Smaller Cos	36.51	37.99†		
Glob Emg Mkts	94.88	98.78	+ 0.34	
-do- Accum	95.56	99.49†	+ 0.35	0.11
SE Asia	347.80	362.10	+ 1.40	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	53.31	54.95†	+ 0.06	6.42
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
Sector Value Inc #	104.80	110.60†	- 0.70	3.74
Sector Value Gwth	107.10	113.00†	- 0.80	2.12
Hy 5 Europe	101.00	106.00		2.77
Slater Gwth	175.90	185.60†	- 0.20	0.62
New Japan	95.73	99.98	- 0.01	0.01
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	209.00	222.30	- 0.30	
Income #	216.38	230.19	- 0.75	4.21
UK Growth	85.31	91.81	- 0.16	1.87
Intl Growth	88.34	93.97	+ 0.32	0.45

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Ecology	103.05	108.62†	+ 0.03	0.87
European	206.98	220.18	- 0.42	0.56
Far Eastern	302.00	321.10	- 3.10	
UK Special Sits	53.15	56.69†	+ 0.11	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	101.70	105.10†		7.08
Gilt Yield	119.40	125.90†	- 0.30	6.84
Global Income	236.20	251.30		3.56
High Yield	153.80	163.60†	- 0.30	5.68
-do- Accum	509.80	542.30†	- 0.90	5.68
Smllr Cos Div	63.02	67.04	+ 0.03	3.30
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	157.90	168.00	- 0.20	
Asian Growth	329.00	350.00	+ 2.10	
-do- Accum	386.70	411.40	+ 2.70	
North American	113.50	120.70	+ 0.85	0.22
European Special	128.90	137.10	+ 1.10	1.21
European	182.00	193.60	+ 0.30	0.46
-do- Accum	240.80	256.20	+ 0.50	0.46
Global Eqty Inc	122.80	130.20		1.89
Japan	385.30	409.90	- 0.30	
Japanese Special	215.50	229.30	+ 1.50	
Smaller Cos	146.50	156.90	- 0.40	1.04
UK Equity Growth	51.99	55.31	- 1.04	1.81
UK Index Inc	347.30	349.00	- 1.10	3.21
Bircham Tst	108.70	118.00†	- 0.10	1.95
-do- Accum	111.30	119.70†	- 0.10	1.95
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	306.98	326.57†	+ 0.38	4.97
Inc & Growth Inc	68.75	73.14	- 0.34	3.79
Smaller Cos	91.29	97.12†	- 0.11	1.23
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	474.90	503.90	- 1.00	2.14
UK Inc/Gth	485.30	514.90	- 1.40	4.17
UK Income	345.60	366.70	- 1.00	4.96
UK Sm Cos	315.40	337.30	- 0.60	1.56
Euro Gwth	166.60	176.50	- 0.20	0.45
N Amer Gwth	124.20	131.80		
Japan Growth	59.25	62.87	- 0.02	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist @	594.90	594.90†	- 1.70	2.70
-do- Accum @	£12.31	£12.31†	- 4.00	2.70
Equity Income @ #	105.90	105.90	- 0.30	4.97
UK Tactical Allocn @	68.50	68.50†	- 0.45	4.05
European @	145.50	145.50†	- 0.30	0.90
Far Eastern @	230.10	230.10†	+ 0.10	
Fixed Interest @	54.76	54.76	- 0.06	7.40
Gilt @	91.41	91.41†		6.57
Global Growth @	83.00	83.00	- 0.06	0.18
Intl Bond @	53.12	53.12†	+ 0.11	5.01
Japanese @	68.15	68.15	- 0.01	
North American @	224.50	224.50	+ 0.40	0.63
Pacific Growth @	122.80	122.80†		0.29
UK Index @	78.33	78.33†	- 0.33	3.19
UK Recovery @	119.60	119.60†	- 0.38	1.97
UK Smaller Cos @	161.80	161.80	- 0.40	1.21
US Index @	85.46	85.46	+ 0.16	1.30
European Index @	92.31	92.31†	- 0.18	1.52
Japan Index @	38.25	38.25		
Worldwide @	100.40	100.40	- 0.20	1.55
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	57.84	61.86	- 0.22	2.20
Income	66.73	71.36	- 0.17	4.07
Far East	53.29	56.99	+ 0.09	0.08
North American	134.90	144.20	+ 0.30	
Global	105.00	112.30		0.39
European	96.76	103.40	- 0.80	1.04
Japan	98.31	105.00	- 0.10	
Intl Currency Bd	59.35	62.95†	+ 0.58	4.40
SE Asia	108.60	116.10	+ 0.60	0.48
UK Cap Growth	105.60	112.90†	- 0.50	2.58
Recovery Trust	92.54	98.97†	- 0.16	1.23
Managed	76.89	82.20	- 0.18	1.22
Cash	51.33	51.33		4.44
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	416.70	443.30	- 8.00	2.15
-do- Accum	985.00	£10.48	- 19.00	2.15
Contl Euro Gth	81.35	86.64	- 0.47	0.40
-do- Accum	87.56	92.18	- 0.51	0.40
Extra Inc	286.90	305.30	- 4.70	3.88
-do- Accum	785.30	835.50	- 13.20	3.88
FTSE 100 Inc	129.70	131.70	- 0.90	2.55
FTSE 100 Acc	129.20	137.50	- 1.00	2.56
German Gth	139.60	147.00	- 1.00	
-do- Accum	146.40	154.30	- 1.00	
Growth Port	680.40	723.90†	+ 5.70	0.04
-do- Accum	709.10	754.40	+ 5.90	0.04
High Interest Inc	99.68	103.30†	- 0.10	7.65
High Interest Acc	105.70	109.60		7.65
Hi Reserve Inc #	108.50	115.50	- 0.40	6.30
Hi Reserve Acc #	117.60	125.20	0.40	6.30
Income	555.70	591.20†	- 3.60	3.11
-do- Accum	£15.90	£16.92	10.00	3.11
Income Port	565.80	602.00†	- 2.40	4.26
-do- Accum	640.10	681.20	- 2.90	4.26
Japan Growth	99.72	106.10	- 0.20	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	100.10	106.50	- 0.10	
Master Trust	69.02	73.44	- 0.22	1.20
-do- Accum	[illegible]	84.90	- 0.26	1.20
Millennium Acc	99.32	104.62		2.21
N American Gen	251.40	267.50	+ 1.00	
-do- Accum	291.00	309.60	- 1.10	
NAm Sm Co Rer	203.50	216.90		
-do- Accum	209.60	221.40		
Pacific Basin	207.00	216.60	5.10	0.16
-do- Accum	277.00	294.70	- 5.30	0.16
Small Cos Rer	537.00	565.50	0.10	1.63
-do- Accum	735.30	774.70	0.20	1.63
UK Eq Gth	168.43	179.20†	1.70	2.62
UK Eq Inc	130.40	138.60†	- 0.80	2.66
UK Growth	107.90	114.70	- 0.80	1.91
-do- Accum	135.30	144.00	- 0.90	1.91
Worldwide Gth	260.80	283.90	- 0.50	0.33
-do- Accum	533.20	567.30	- 0.70	0.33
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	89.21	95.49	+ 0.15	0.70
General	110.84	118.92	- 0.11	2.60
Income	74.07	79.47†	- 0.41	5.20
International	74.39	79.81	0.00	0.50
Japan	54.56	58.64	- 0.04	
Tst of Inv Trusts	77.38	95.02†	- 0.05	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	535.90	565.90	+ 1.70	0.35
-do- Accum	670.70	709.30	+ 2.10	0.35
Amer Recovery	591.70	625.70	+ 1.70	0.23
-do- Accum	682.60	721.70	+ 1.90	0.23
Amer Smllr Cos	176.50	186.70	+ 1.20	
-do- Accum	180.30	190.70	+ 1.20	
Australasian	214.10	226.40	+ 2.60	2.10
-do- Accum	268.90	284.40	+ 3.40	2.10
Capital	1005.70	1063.50	- 1.30	2.76
-do- Accum	1200.80	1269.80	- 1.60	2.76
Charifund	767.40	775.10	+ 0.30	5.87
-do- Accum	3028.00	3567.30	+ 1.70	5.87
Commodity	481.70	509.40	+ 3.40	0.15
-do- Accum	712.20	753.30	- 5.10	0.15
Compound Gth	1124.90	1189.60†	- 2.60	2.66
-do- Accum	1242.60	1314.10†	- 2.90	2.66
Corporate Bond	25.60	25.69†	- 0.02	7.30
Dividend	44.80	47.30	+ 0.10	4.75
-do- Accum	198.40	209.50	+ 0.30	4.75
Equity Income	327.60	346.40	- 0.50	5.52
-do- Accum	454.20	480.40	- 0.60	5.52
Euro & General	634.50	671.00	+ 2.00	0.78
-do- Accum	814.90	861.80	+ 2.60	0.78
Euro Dividend	81.60	86.30	+ 0.30	3.55
-do- Accum	103.80	109.80	+ 0.30	3.56
Extra Yield	461.00	487.50†	- 0.10	5.08
-do- Accum	1559.20	1648.90†	- 0.40	5.08
Fund of Inv Tsts	732.90	775.00	0.50	2.00
-do- Accum	1406.00	1487.60	- 0.80	2.00
General	70.60	74.70	0.20	3.70
-do- Accum	207.90	220.00	0.70	3.70
Gilt Income	62.23	62.32	- 0.17	6.90
-do- Accum	188.58	188.85	- 0.49	6.90
Gold	80.10	84.70	+ 0.10	
-do- Accum	95.90	101.30	+ 0.10	
High Income	33.50	35.40	- 0.10	4.63
-do- Accum	143.10	151.60	- 0.10	4.63
Intl Growth	91.30	96.50	+ 0.20	0.69
-do- Accum	161.50	170.70	- 0.50	0.69
International Inc	109.30	115.60†	+ 0.50	4.57
-do- Accum	175.40	185.60†	+ 0.80	4.57
Japan & Gen	38.70	40.80	+ 0.10	
-do- Accum	41.50	43.80	+ 0.10	
Japan Smlr Cos	140.50	148.60	+ 0.70	
-do- Accum	141.50	149.60	+ 0.60	
Managed Gwth	27.50	29.00	+ 0.10	1.63
Managed Income	29.80	31.30		3.82
Midland	62.00	65.60†	- 0.20	3.28
-do- Accum	218.50	231.20†	- 0.70	3.28
Pension Ex	1098.70	1126.30	- 1.50	4.18
Recovery	48.10	50.90		2.93
-do- Accum	82.60	87.50		2.93
Second General	77.10	81.50	- 0.10	3.85
-do- Accum	209.10	221.10	- 0.30	3.85
Smaller Cos	70.60	74.70	- 0.10	3.33
-do- Accum	146.30	154.70	- 0.20	3.33
Sth East Asia	391.90	414.40	+ 3.10	1.23
-do- Accum	524.90	555.00	+ 4.10	1.23
Treasury	25.09	25.13†		5.56
Trustee	43.50	46.00†	- 0.10	5.34
-do- Accum	190.20	201.10†	- 0.40	5.34
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	99.21	105.54†	- 0.30	1.02
Intl Bond	66.08	69.41	+ 0.16	5.24
Intl Equity Growth	86.69	92.07	- 0.21	0.71
N Amer Growth	139.58	148.34†	- 0.16	0.75
Special Sits Growth	28.30	30.10†	- 0.47	1.87
UK Growth	469.10	499.04†	- 0.54	2.48
-do- Accum	647.82	689.17	- 0.54	2.48
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1492.60	1515.00		2.90
Income #	1042.50	1059.00		4.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	166.70	170.70†		3.55

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptfolio	181.00	186.60		2.49
-do- Accum	214.80	221.40	- 0.10	2.49
UK Sel Ptfolio	160.80	165.70	- 0.40	2.47
-do- Accum	193.80	199.80	- 0.40	2.47
UK 100 Cos	118.20	118.20†	- 0.50	2.83
-do- Accum	120.40	120.40†	- 0.50	2.83
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 384 842				
Managed Tst	74.30	79.04†	- 0.19	3.65
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	84.14	89.32†	- 0.27	3.51
European	106.50	113.10	- 0.40	0.62
Income #	85.90	91.19	- 1.03	4.21
Nth American	101.00	107.20	+ 0.50	0.22
Far East	176.30	187.20	- 0.30	0.08
Japan	59.42	63.09	- 0.23	
Emgng Mkts	84.48	90.35	- 0.32	
Intl Growth	129.80	137.80†	- 0.20	0.75
UK Growth	128.60	136.50	- 0.60	2.41
UK Smlr Co	62.65	66.51	- 0.18	1.33
Asia Pacific	36.84	39.40	+ 0.02	0.32
Glob Gwth PEP	62.29	66.12†	- 0.14	1.31
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	102.90	109.50	- 0.60	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5968				
Income	465.93	495.67†	- 2.16	4.57
Global Inc	75.40	80.21†	- 0.44	4.36
Brit Leaders	400.48	426.04†	- 1.83	3.57
Intl Leaders	235.08	250.09†	- 0.24	1.44
PAM Mg Bal Grth	73.22	76.07†	- 0.25	0.45
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	281.20	296.60	- 1.10	
-do- Accum	300.60	317.20	- 1.10	
American Opps	135.90	145.00†	- 0.50	
-do- Accum	137.60	146.80†	- 0.50	
British Blue Chip	98.40	104.60†	- 0.60	2.30
-do- Accum	127.60	136.60†	- 0.90	2.30
Cash	101.20	101.20		5.37
-do- Accum	148.60	148.60		5.37
Emerging Mkts	127.30	136.90	- 0.10	0.10
-do- Accum	128.90	138.60	- 0.10	0.10
European Growth	332.00	351.80	- 1.00	0.13
-do- Accum	362.00	383.60	- 1.10	0.13
European Income	93.46	98.80	+ 0.040	2.91
-do- Accum	134.50	142.10	+ 0.100	2.91
General	630.90	671.50†	- 1.40	1.85
-do- Accum	1291.00	1373.00†	- 3.00	1.85
Global Bond	133.10	139.80†	+ 0.300	5.56
-do- Accum	176.70	185.70†	+ 0.400	5.56
Gold & General	223.30	239.50	+ 1.100	0.38
-do- Accum	231.10	247.80	+ 1.000	0.38
Govt Securities	95.67	98.65	- 0.11	6.02
-do- Accum	200.60	206.80	- 0.20	6.02
High Yield Bd	102.20	104.80†	- 0.10	6.98
-do- Accum	108.60	111.30†	- 0.10	6.98
Income	192.30	204.20	- 1.10	4.12
-do- Accum	319.00	338.70	- 2.00	4.12
Inc Portfolio #	114.40	121.20†	- 0.30	4.73
-do- Accum #	124.90	132.30†	- 0.40	4.73
Intl Opps	579.00	617.60	0.20	0.14
-do- Accum	781.20	833.30	- 0.50	0.14
Japan	164.60	175.30	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	169.00	180.00		
New Europe	243.40	259.60	- 2.70	0.77
-do- Accum	253.30	270.20	- 2.80	0.77
Pacific	175.50	123.20	+ 0.300	0.83
-do- Accum	124.50	132.70	+ 0.300	0.83
Recovery	463.00	493.90†	- 1.70	0.53
-do- Accum	611.20	651.90†	- 2.30	0.53
UK Smaller Cos	66.34	70.76†	- 0.22	0.73
-do- Accum	76.60	81.71†	- 0.24	0.73
Portfolio	95.53	101.40†	- 0.20	2.28
-do- Accum	117.60	124.80†	- 0.30	2.28
Managed Gwth	123.90	129.70	- 0.30	0.99
Managed Inc	122.60	127.30	- 0.30	2.94
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	158.73	168.33	- 0.28	0.14
Portfolio	82.16	87.40	- 0.21	1.37
UK Income Inc	91.97	97.84†	- 0.64	4.83
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq. 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	69.76	73.05†	- 0.12	2.60
-do- Accum	77.40	81.05†	- 0.13	2.60
British Tst	108.40	113.50	- 0.50	2.72
-do- Accum	129.70	135.80	- 0.60	2.72
Corp Bond Inc	101.40	105.10		6.86
-do- Accum	103.80	107.50		6.86
Extra High Inc	70.31	73.62†	- 0.19	7.32
-do- Accum	151.40	158.50†	- 0.50	7.32
FTSE 100 Acc	71.07	74.41	- 0.32	2.73
FTSE 100 Dist	67.04	70.20	- 0.36	2.73
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.30	58.58	- 0.11	6.09
-do- Accum	179.40	186.60	- 0.40	6.09
High Yield	242.50	253.90	- 0.80	6.54
-do- Accum	657.80	688.80	- 2.00	6.54
Income	326.50	341.90	- 1.50	4.30
-do- Accum	766.70	802.80	- 3.50	4.30
Money Market UT	49.67	49.67		4.86
-do- Accum	83.20	83.20		4.86
Monthly Income	94.56	99.00†	- 0.27	4.42
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	136.00	144.70	- 0.70	1.36
European Growth	133.20	141.20	- 1.30	0.01

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilt & Fixed	102.50	106.60	- 0.10	5.20
Income	105.43	112.10	- 0.40	2.28
Japan Growth	49.06	52.01		
Managed	24.40	59.79	0.17	1.96
Money Market	95.51	101.20		3.97
North American	111.20	118.90	- 0.60	0.25
Midland FSAVC Unit Trust				
British	123.30	131.20	- 0.60	1.35
European Growth	125.10	132.60	- 1.30	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	58.16	100.50	0.10	[illegible]
Income	103.22	109.80	- 0.40	2.34
Japan Growth	49.42	51.77		
Managed	81.27	86.39	- 0.12	1.92
Money Market	69.95	73.35	+ 0.01	3.94
North American	101.30	107.40	- 0.70	0.45
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	122.20	130.20	- 0.60	1.35
European Growth	122.40	129.80	- 1.20	
Gilt & Fixed Int	95.51	99.25	- 0.15	5.46
Income	100.50	106.90	- 0.40	2.39
Japan Growth	49.92	52.32		
Managed	83.19	89.14	0.12	1.95
Money Market	80.20	85.01		4.09
North American	112.50	120.30	- 0.80	0.45
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.34	16.26		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Smlr	[illegible]	515.30†	- 0.26	
European Gth Inc	571.90	612.60	+ 3.40	
-do- Accum	575.10	610.20	+ 3.50	
Intl Smlr	[illegible]	244.50	- 0.13	
UK Equity Inc	227.10	241.80†	- 0.99	3.78
-do- Accum	330.46	329.90†	- 1.20	3.78
UK Inc Trstr Inc	197.10	210.90	- 0.60	3.06
-do- Accum	244.60	260.30	- 0.80	3.06
UG Eq Ind Trk Inc	282.50	300.10	+ 1.10	0.63
Japan Tracker	63.95	67.67	- 0.02	
Asian Trader	224.49	241.90†	+ 1.10	0.14
Lmgd Ptfolio Inc	197.40	214.20	- 0.30	1.95
Lmgd Ptfolio Acc	208.90	222.60	- 0.30	1.95
Deposit Inc	100.11	100.11	+ 0.01	5.28
Europa	265.20	285.10	+ 1.00	
Genesis	220.00	237.00	- 0.60	2.38
High Income	20.71	21.36†	- 0.01	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	110.50	112.80†	- 0.40	2.06
Acumen Inc	100.20	102.32†	- 0.30	2.06
Acumen Reserve	65.21	77.52†	- 0.14	7.29
-do- Inc	74.28	[illegible]	0.11	7.47
American Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.02	
Equity Income #	105.10	103.60†	- 0.40	4.47
European	62.50	62.30†	- 0.10	0.51
Smaller Cos	95.33	99.30	- 0.24	1.03
W'wide Eqty	78.54	60.18	+ 0.15	
Global Bond	44.81	46.29	- 0.10	5.29
UK Growth	117.60	123.50	- 0.60	1.52
Pacific Growth	120.90	128.20	+ 0.10	0.67
Japan Growth	32.81	34.05	- 0.07	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	151.81	161.50	- 0.50	2.63
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 8262				
UK Growth	92.93	98.86	- 0.42	2.15
UK Income	129.02	137.25	- 0.33	4.18
Higher Income	248.44	264.29	- 0.54	4.28
Smaller Cos	105.84	112.59†	- 0.03	1.41
International	111.84	118.96†	- 0.37	1.40
NPI INVESTMENT				
0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Care Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oseas Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Extra Inc Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wwide Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wwide Inc Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 [illegible]				
Europe Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fund of Funds Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
North America Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Gth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK General Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Income Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 [illegible]				
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Distributor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Foundation	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
General Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
General Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Growth Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Higher Income Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intrepid	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oriental Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pers Int Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Index Trckg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Index Trckg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pan European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nth American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N Amer Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japanese	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
South East Asian	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt & Convertible	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Property	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nth American Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worldwide Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hong Kong Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Equities Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wwide Bond Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Emging Asia Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Money Mkt Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thailand Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Special Sits	155.80	165.70	- 0.40	1.26
-do- Accum	172.60	183.60	- 0.50	1.26
Technology	709.20	754.40	+ 5.30	
UK Blue Chip	91.81	97.67	- 0.30	2.82
-do- Accum	107.50	114.40	- 0.30	2.82
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
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Managed Tst	46.75	48.45	- 0.10	1.69
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Dist Trust Inc	108.06	111.98†	- 0.32	5.82
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Global Growth	108.03	114.93†	- 0.35	1.28
Equity Inc	90.61	96.39	- 0.26	4.68
Equity	901.57	959.12†	- 4.24	2.40
European	274.44	284.39	- 1.77	0.86
High Income	93.65	99.63†	- 0.27	5.26
Intl Gth	225.31	239.89†	- 0.57	1.22
Intl Sm Co	98.77	105.07†	- 0.33	0.46
Japanese	208.04	215.59	+ 0.08	
Nth Amer	243.08	251.83†	- 0.03	1.33
Pacific Mkts	119.42	123.75†	+ 0.31	0.66
Premier Inc	48.47	50.44†	- 0.13	6.70
Sm Cos	114.19	121.48†	- 0.22	1.76
Spec Sits	130.21	138.52†	- 0.46	2.64
UK Growth	152.13	161.84†	- 0.69	2.14
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UK Smaller Cos	109.14	114.76		1.21
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Asia	54.89	58.62	+ 0.15	
European	423.83	449.83	- 2.91	0.39
Japan	224.14	238.32	+ 0.22	

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UK High Inc	219.70	233.20	- 1.30	2.53
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Europe Inc	473.20	504.70	- 4.50	0.57
Nth Amer Inc	329.70	351.60	- 1.60	
Global Inc	258.10	275.20	- 2.10	0.12
Global Acc	279.20	297.80	- 2.20	0.12
UK Spec Sits Inc	133.20	142.10	- 0.50	1.62
South East Asia	236.20	251.90	- 0.20	0.08
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Pooled Pension (I)	241.60	259.80†		2.01
Smaller Cos	119.10	125.40		0.89
UK General #	170.70	179.70	- 1.10	2.08
Far Eastern	95.29	103.30†	+ 0.20	
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UK Equity Inc ‡	109.12	†	- 0.12	4.74
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Preferred Income ‡	107.73	†	- 0.07	5.00
La Pan ‡	107.78	†	+ 0.42	
Aztec ‡	67.07	†	+ 0.16	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	131.39	†	+ 1.21	
European ‡	107.93	†	- 0.45	
Global Bond ‡	89.71	†	- 0.14	7.66
Samurai ‡	95.31	†	- 0.15	
UK Growth ‡	111.65	†	0.48	2.57
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	113.44	†	- 0.08	2.48
Investment Trust ‡	115.51	†	- 0.13	1.37
Roll Up ‡	96.75			
Glob Gwth PEP	78.98	84.02		

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Ros Drinkwater introduces a two-page report on the United Kingdom's largest and most comprehensive cancer care charity

When help is at hand

Marie Curie nurses care for 40 per cent of cancer patients ill at home

One in three of us is likely to be affected by cancer at some time in our lives. Marie Curie Cancer Care, the United Kingdom's largest and most comprehensive cancer care charity, exists to combat this chilling statistic.

Its activities are threefold: the provision of practical nursing care for patients in their own homes, free of charge: specialist palliative care offered at centres throughout Britain, and research into the *prevention, early detection* and improved treatment of cancer, carried out at the Marie Curie Research Institute near Oxted, Surrey. In addition, the charity offers an ongoing programme of education for healthcare professionals.

The hands-on, practical care given to patients in their own homes complements but differs from the work of other cancer nurses. Throughout the UK *an army of* 6,000 Marie Curie nurses provides more than 1.3 million nursing hours a year, caring for more than 23,000 patients, and giving their carers a break from the round-the-clock task of *looking after a patient.*

Marie Curie nurses look after more than 40 per cent of cancer patients seriously ill at home, but it is the aim of the charity to reach 50 per cent of this number. The decision as *to the nature and quantity of* care needed rests with the district nurse and is designed to suit the individual needs of each particular case. Those wishing to contact a Marie Curie nurse should contact *their GP or district nurse.*

With 11 hospice centres across Britain, Marie Curie Cancer Care provides by far the largest number of hospice beds outside the National Health Service. This year 4,500 patients, the highest figure ever achieved, have benefited from a programme of symptom control, pain relief, rehabilitation, respite care, terminal care, emotional *support, physiotherapy,* occupational therapy and spiritual care. Out-patient attendance has risen to 5,800, while the utilisation of day-care facilities reached the highest ever figure of 16,700 patient days. It is *only very recently that palliative* care has been included in the training of doctors.

Patient care: more than 6,000 Marie Curie nurses provide 1.3 million nursing hours a year

Recent accolades bestowed on Marie Curie's palliative care specialists reflect the importance of this work. A new *professorial chair has* been created by the University of Wales College of Medicine for Dr Ilora Finlay, the medical director at the Marie Curie Centre in South Wales, and Dr Gill Ford, Marie Curie's medical director, has received an honorary doctorate from the Open University and has been elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh.

Marie Curie: research

Cancer occurs when cell division runs out of control. The genetic damage which triggers the condition can be inherited or can be caused by factors such as diet, smoking, viruses or sunburn. The disease was probably present in the earliest cellular organisms. It has been identified in the graveyards of Ancient Egypt, and may even be the cause of bone abnormalities found in fossil dinosaurs.

Modern cancer research began a century ago with the discovery of the previously unknown element of radium by Marie Curie. Despite the *resources spent* in the cause of research, it is only in recent years that dramatic progress in molecular technology has revolutionised our understanding of the disease.

At the Marie Curie Research *Institute a programme of* research examines the mechanisms responsible for the development of human cancer and uses the resulting knowledge for the benefit of cancer patients. Large enough to *provide an intellectually stimulating* environment, but small enough to nurture the development of a common purpose, it is able to minimise costs while maximising the quality and impact of research.

While the average university in Britain requires 40 per cent overheads, Oxted requires less than 20 per cent. *Oncogene,* launched as the institute's house journal nine years ago, is now acknowledged as one of the world's leading cancer research journals, a forum for reports of the latest research, underlining the centre's *international* status.

The quality and availability *of Marie* Curie education programmes continue to develop. Throughout the year conferences and short courses are available for healthcare professionals, on topics such as skin cancer prevention, drug administration, ethics, symptom control, breast and cervical screening and psychological *and spiritual care.*

The value of courses offered was confirmed this year by Thames Valley University's accreditation of all courses and conferences, conferring international acceptability for their use as credits towards a university degree. The first diplomas for students successfully completing Marie Curie courses in Cancer Care Nursing and Ethics of Cancer and Palliative Care were awarded in June 1995. This year, increased emphasis has been placed on the effective audit of all educational initiatives.

The largest challenge facing the charity remains funding. Since its establishment in 1948, Marie Curie's expenditure *has grown from £9 million* to £55 million. Its commitment to increase the volume and standard of care is not being matched by the increase in donations and it is vital to generate additional *funds.*

Fundraisers work throughout Britain raising interest at local level, and the range of fundraising activities includes direct mail, street collections, shops and fundraising events. *Legacies remain the largest* source of voluntary income and there are well over 100,000 individual donors on the database. A cure for cancer is no longer the remote possibility it once seemed. It will take time, *dedication* and money. Marie Curie Cancer Care can supply the first two in abundance, the latter depends on the goodwill of mankind.

A nurse who works eight days a week

The Marie Curie Cancer Care staff are there to help the carers as well as the patients

Carolyn was 47 when the headaches began in April this year. As a precaution, she stopped taking HRT and to her relief the headaches stopped. *Ros Drinkwater writes.*

When they returned, Carolyn's husband, Michael, experienced his first *serious fears of the* unknown. In June the problem was diagnosed as a malignant melanoma. In July a course of radiotherapy proved ineffective. Carolyn returned home and died on September 10, leaving a grief-stricken Michael and their two teenage children, Dominic and Louise.

The Shaw family tragedy is one of thousands that occur every year, and it is to ease the suffering of those families that Marie Curie Cancer Care offers practical nursing care, allowing patients to remain in their own homes.

Unlike Macmillan nurses, whose role is advisory, the Marie Curie nurse provides hands-on nursing care both *during the day and overnight,* 365 days a year. The service is jointly funded and managed as a partnership between Marie Curie Cancer Care and the National Health Service, which has always recognised the need for this work.

This year expert and dedicated care was given to more than 25,000 people seriously ill with cancer in their homes. Attendance can *sometimes begin with a one* night a week visit, increasing gradually as the patient's condition deteriorates. All Marie Curie nurses have a special interest in cancer or terminal care and are *recruited after a* rigorous selection process.

From the moment it was clear that Carolyn's condition was terminal, Maureen Bracken joined the Shaw household, as part of Carolyn's primary health care team. By working flexible hours the *Marie Curie* nurse can respond to the individual needs of patients, *and their families.*

Each nurse spends a shift, usually a whole night or day giving skilled nursing care and observing the patient's condition. This stretch of time gives both patient and family the chance to discuss worries and fears with someone who has time to listen.

'You do become emotionally involved. If you are not, you can't give what is needed'

"It's often the case, particularly in those hours before dawn, that the patient will voice fears they cannot bring themselves to discuss with the family," says Maureen, who returned to nursing when her children were grown up and who has been a Marie Curie nurse for more than four years. "But we are there to help the carers as well as the patient. After a long day, Michael would unwind, discussing *all kinds of topics.*

"Each family is different, you must adapt to the home and its facilities, you have to try to anticipate the mood of the household and always appear calm and reassuring. Sometimes there is a great deal of anger. I was recently with a mother of 60 who lost her only son when he was 38. She reacted in rage and total disbelief. You do become *emotionally involved.* If you are not, you can't give what is needed."

Maureen will suggest counselling when she believes it is necessary. "Most people could do with it, particularly children. Grieving is a natural process and research shows that children who don't have counselling can have problems later on."

In Michael Shaw's case *the stress was compounded* by the fact that he and Carolyn were partners in their small, home-based business. A chartered engineer, he was made redundant in 1992.

"Carolyn had done an Open University degree when the children were *small. She* started a new career in database design. We set up our own business, and she had built up considerable experience when the headaches began," he said.

By the end of July the *drugs* were *having serious* side-effects. Michael realised the need for constant care. At this point the Macmillan nurse felt it was time to call in Marie Curie Cancer Care.

In the *latter* stages of Carolyn's illness, Michael never discussed with his wife the fact that she wouldn't survive. "By July she was only responding, you couldn't have a discussion. The worst moment came when she told me she was losing the determination *to live. I told Maureen,* 'this has been one of the saddest days of my life'."

Michael feels the importance of the work done by Marie Curie cannot be underestimated. "Both in *practical* and *psychological* terms, it is very difficult to imagine how we would have coped without the Marie Curie support."

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Radical vision: "Patients were dying of uncontrolled symptoms and uncontrolled distress," says Professor Finlay

Dr Finlay's casebook

Today's hospice is all about living, says Ilora Finlay, a pioneer in the treatment of cancer cases

The Marie Curie Centre, *Holme Tower, in South* Wales, cares for up to 30 patients on a magnificent site overlooking the sea. *Professor Ilora Finlay, the medical director,* is the world's first female Professor of Palliative Medicine, *a professorship awarded* by the University of Wales, College of Medicine, in recognition of her accomplishments.

Aged 47 and of Polish extraction, she describes herself as "emotionally Welsh". She has a special attachment to Marie Curie as her grandmother won the Polish Student of the Year award in 1911, 28 years after Marie Curie won the same prize.

During the past 25 years Professor Finlay has been at the forefront of radical change in the attitude to, and treatment of, cancer patients. She became involved in 1974 when she began working in paediatrics as a junior doctor. "I was looking after kids dying of leukaemia and I was appalled because nobody knew what to do with them. Symptom control simply wasn't part of the process of care."

Having worked previously in anaesthetics, she was aware *of the benefits of drugs such as* morphine, but in those days the standard prescription for pain was pethidene, a drug whose effect lasted no more than two hours. "Today patients get morphine, in reasonable doses, to stop the pain. But 20 years ago people were terrified of using even the smallest dose of morphine in case they created an addiction. It was acceptable that pain and vomiting were the inevitable consequences of the disease."

Professor Finlay thought otherwise and set about implementing a programme of *symptom control, taking care* to keep up with scientific research.

When she arrived at Holme Tower a decade ago, she set about applying the same principles. "Today's hospice is all about living. When I first arrived here it was unheard of for patients to be sent home. They stayed here *until they* died. There were *no* on-site treatments. If a patient needed a transfusion he was sent to hospital."

With the new policy in force, the unthinkable started to happen. "Patients were referred to us, presumed to be dying of their malignancy, but *when we got their symptoms* under control they went home, went back to work. They weren't dying of cancer, they were dying of uncontrolled symptoms and uncontrolled distress," she says.

Professor Finlay sees this success as a demonstration of Marie Curie Cancer Care's greatest strength. "We are needs-responsive, driven by *patient need rather than fund*raising potential, not by what is going to get us the most glory today. The most crucial thing that we do here is stopping people dying from uncontrolled distress, getting *them back on their feet,* having quality of life.

"There's a chap I buy my cars from who was referred five years ago, having been told by two consultants and a GP that his life expectancy was between six and 12 weeks. He wanted euthanasia. The GP referred him, saying that he *was not sure what I could do to* relieve his distress. The patient had an open wound on his back, which was assumed to be a tumour, except that we got that healed and he went back to work.

"He is still working and he comes in to see me for a joke and a laugh. He is a very clear *example of the phenomenal* dangers for patients labelled as hopeless cases."

In the case of a patient with cancer, Professor Finlay sees the biggest challenge as fear, "often unrealistic fear. Patients are frightened of things that aren't going to happen to them, fear of being confused, that they won't be in control, that they will have great pain. *As a society we tend to* blo[illegible] off signals of distress, we are frightened of talking about anything that will result in an emotional response and so people don't voice their worries, and that is really sad, *because it* makes them terribly vulnerable."

Professor Finlay is unequivocal on the subject of euthanasia. "I feel very strongly that pro-euthanasia pressures come from the philosophy of despair and from ignorance. Although, when we *first see them,* patients will talk quite often of death and wanting to have control. I've never, in looking after 10,000 patients, had a persisting request for euthanasia. The law as it stand protects us from the worst side of ourselves."

The greatest frustration *remains lack of* funds. "We just don't have enough money to do all we could do. If more money came in we *could be* out there, more accessible on a wider geographical base. There isn't a magic wand, there's no golden ticket [illegible] immortality, but there is re[illegible] of distress, symptom relief and psychological support. Cancer need not mean pain and loss of dignity."

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Secrets of the cells

Ros Drinkwater describes how the centre combines scientific rigour and global networking

Intense focus and international collaboration are the watchwords of the Marie Curie Research Institute. Housed in a former convalescent home in a beautiful, rural setting near Oxted in Surrey, the Institute is ideally suited to its dual function as research establishment and international meeting centre, the hub of a network of collaborating research organisations.

A policy of recruiting overseas scientists on short-term contracts allows it to keep abreast of global developments, and being small it is highly cost effective. In the words of the director, Dr Graham Currie: "We deliver, as the Americans say, more bang per buck. We have small overheads, no dead wood and everyone is highly productive."

Top of Dr Currie's priorities comes the quality of research. "If anyone asks us, is your particular piece of research relevant to the cancer problem, the answer is we haven't a clue, because you don't know until you have got the answers. What you can know is whether the research is any good or not. By definition, second-rate research is a waste of time and money and is never relevant.

"We are obsessive about research quality. We are very keen on performance indicators, the main one being international peer review, linked to people's contracts of employment and future funding for research. We are also fairly keen on citation analysis, how often work from here is cited by other people. That has been very valuable, for comparative purposes. I think the last time we did this analysis we were 35 times better than the national average in terms of citation impact."

The key to progress: research into molecular motors

Work at the Institute is fundamental — molecular biology, asking basic questions about cancer. There are six areas of research under way:

☐ Cell proliferation — when the gene known as p53 is damaged, control of cell division is lost. This process is involved in cancers of the lung, bowel and bladder.

☐ Herpesvirus — viruses hijack cells and take over their control mechanisms, a valuable model for understanding how these mechanisms can go wrong.

☐ Molecular motors — cells use these specialised molecules to power movement, including cell division, and they will be the targets for new treatments.

☐ DNA replication — before cells can divide, their genetic code has to be accurately copied. Understanding how this goes wrong in cancer cells should allow the development of effective drugs.

☐ Malignant melanoma — this most dangerous form of skin cancer occurs in the pigment cells, which are normally responsible for tanning the skin. Marie Curie scientists are studying what goes wrong in these cells when cancer develops.

☐ Bladder cancer — there are 10,000 new cases a year in the UK. By identifying the damage to genes which lead to bladder cancer, new tests for early detection and follow up are being developed.

"We do science, not technology," Dr Currie says. "That's an important distinction. We are not trying to build a better mouse trap, we are trying to understand the mouse, to understand the fundamental nature of cancer cells — why does a normal cell go haywire?

"There is enormous progress in that field at the moment, not only here, but throughout the world because we now, basically, know the answers. We now know that cancer is a disease of genes and it's a matter of identifying those genes and looking at the specific kinds of damage involved in particular kinds of cancer. And that has come out of fundamental, laboratory-based research, looking at fundamental mechanisms."

As late as the 1960s and 1970s, the consensus of scientific opinion believed the inner workings of the cell would remain beyond our comprehension. "Over the past 50 years there have been enthusiasms for particular kinds of research," says Dr Currie, "but none of those were based on any understanding of what cancer is, or how it develops.

"The development of molecular biology in the 1980s gave us the actual techniques that allow us to clone genes and to sequence them, something that is having an impact on all forms of medicine, and a dramatic effect on cancer.

"We are now in a position to understand precisely what is going on in the heart of the cell, in the nucleus, to understand how cell division works. Before — and this was what they call a paradigm shift — biology was full of black boxes, areas we did not understand and thought we would never understand."

> 'There's enormous progress in research because we now, basically, know the answers'

Benefits of research during the past decade include the number of new drugs in the pipeline and a steady decrease in the number of deaths from cancer in people under 40 as a direct result of improved treatments.

"In terms of the functioning of the cell, when it divides, why it divides, what are the mechanisms, which are the individual molecules, we will eventually dissect the whole damn lot. It's just a matter of time and money. The new techniques are also incredibly rapid, you can now identify and amplify a bit of genetic sequence 50 million times in two hours. This is powerful weaponry."

A time for privacy, dignity, comfort and support for the whole family

A close-knit family: Tamar Cowan and her daughters, Danielle, left, and Maia. Her husband, John, took the photograph

'We wanted the best care'

Tamar Cowan died last month, leaving a husband and two daughters, Danielle, 12 and Maia, eight. She was 42.

She is buried in Israel, the land of her birth, but the last month of her life was spent in the care of the Edenhall Marie Curie Centre, in north London. Her death came less than a year after lung cancer was diagnosed. Subsequently, it spread to her brain. "It took 11 months from start to finish," says John Cowan, 44, an antiques dealer.

He and his wife had been together for 19 years, the epitome of a happy couple, an average and close-knit family living in a neat London terrace house. "When she was first diagnosed, I started making inquiries in America, in Germany: where was the best treatment, what was best? She flew to Israel to see a specialist."

All the while, she was receiving treatment at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead. "In March, we had to accept the inevitable," Mr Cowan says. "You stop looking for miracle cures — at least, I did — and you want the best care. In this situation, the last thing you want to have any doubts about is the medical care." Although insured, he found there was nothing that private medicine could offer that they were not already receiving.

The couple were invited to visit the Marie Curie Centre and were told that it was equipped to deal with Mrs Cowan's symptoms. "They have all sorts of stock phrases which you come to understand: 'We would advise you to go and see', 'perhaps you'd like to consult'. So you think, 'well, you're in the system now'. That was the attitude I went with," he says.

He and his wife visited the centre together. "I went with her everywhere. I've lived all these tests, all the X-rays, all the scans," he says. He helped her through chemotherapy, "watching your wife lose all her hair, picking it up off the pillow so she doesn't see it, thinking, 'this shouldn't happen to us'."

The doctors kept him informed of developments. In March, they said Mrs Cowan would probably survive until August. "I needed to know that medically everything was taken care of. I had so many other things on my mind, so many other feelings — the kids and how are they going to cope, how am I going to cope? How are things going to work out? If, on top of that, your wife is distressed, it would be too much. The wonderful thing about the Marie Curie is that they take care of that side of it. You don't have to worry about that at all. We had taken all the knocks we could, but the centre gives you a feeling of absolute confidence in what they do. They are extremely compassionate. The nursing is of the finest quality. No matter who you are, how much money you have, how little, they do not discriminate. Money couldn't buy better care."

> 'The centre restores your faith in things'

In May, Mrs Cowan stayed for a week at the centre. For the month of August, the family went to Israel: one of the palliative care team telephoned twice to check how things were. When they returned home, a room in the Marie Curie Centre had been booked for her.

"People need to understand how essential it is that the person you are losing can have a separate room, can have privacy, dignity, comfort, support. It is nobody's fault, but that does not exist in a hospital."

Even though the children knew their mother was dying, Maia now says: "Mummy was very comfortable there and she got the attention she needed." But there is also humour. The two girls giggle at the memory of the infectious laughter of the nurse who was so short she could hardly refill the towel dispenser. "And the hot chocolate was quite nice, too," Maia says.

Relatives can sleep overnight when rooms are available. Mr Cowan's mother-in-law stayed three nights. "One night she said she would only sleep if one of the nurses would sit with my wife all the time, which she did," he says. "They are unbelievably dedicated. It restores your faith in everything. It is a nice atmosphere because the people are really friendly," Danielle says.

The palliative care sister from the Royal Free still contacts the family. Two weeks ago the doctor wrote to them. "At that level, the health service is not run on money, it's run on pure dedication. That is something we ought to be very ashamed of. These people do what they do despite the money," Mr Cowan says.

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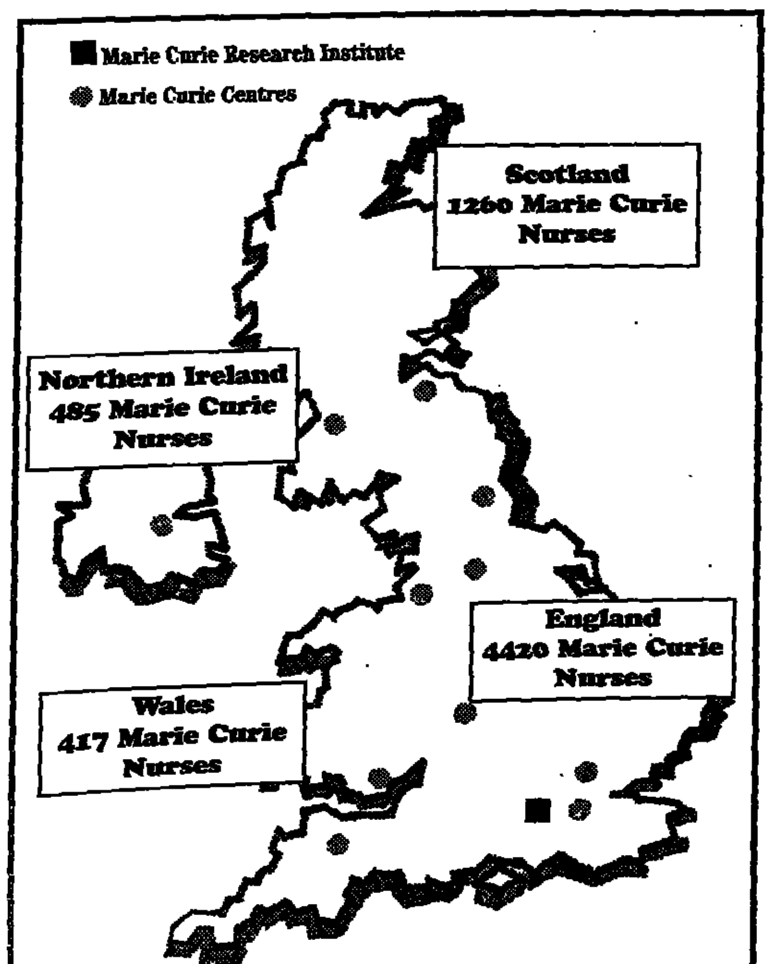

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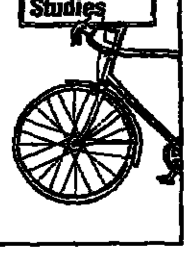

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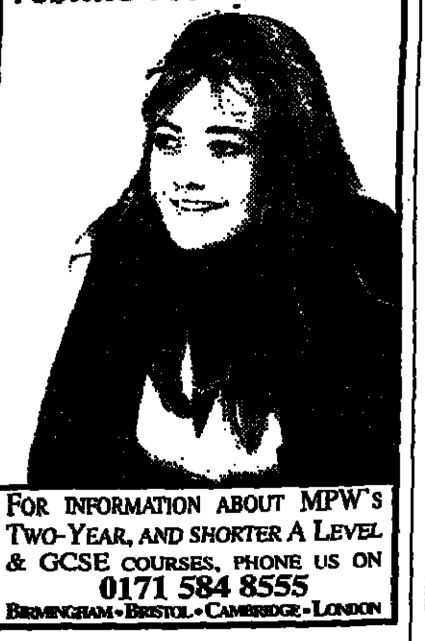

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Computers may have revolutionised education, from pre-school through to the university campus, but has it been for the best?

Children may learn keyboard skills if they are helped to operate a computer, but this is no substitute for conventional learning

Infant programmers

Nicolette Jones on the educational benefits of software for toddlers

Many parents are competitively interested in the dates of their infants' landmarks of development. How early did yours crawl/walk/speak/use the potty? they murmur anxiously to each other. Now the parents of under-twos have a whole new area of potential rivalry. Has yours learnt to use a keyboard yet? How are his or her mouse skills?

Children's computer software is now available for users as young as one. The first CD-Rom of a six-disc series called *Jump Ahead* is aimed at toddlers aged 18 months upwards. The Toddlers' CD is already the bestseller of the series in the three weeks since its launch. A gold award at this year's *Parents Magazine* Play & Learn awards went to Tomy's ComfyKeyboard — a computer keyboard for children of 12 months plus.

Is it not a kind of madness to teach children to click cursors before they can speak? And what do we know of the educational benefits? The Tomy keyboard is marketed with the slogan "Give your Toddler a High-Tech Headstart".

The very name *Jump Ahead* suggests academic advantage. The nappy-clad would-be Netsurfer is at the sharp end of a trend. CD-Roms are becoming *de rigueur* in every nursery class. Programs proliferate for three-year-olds upwards. Next month a new US-originated story-telling series under the brand name of the *Funday Times* will be launched, also starting at age three.

For the past year you have been able sign up your under-five for Whizzkids, nationwide classes aimed at teaching computer literacy. One of its achievements, the organisers proclaim, has been to teach ten-finger touch-typing to children of four and five — and in one case to a three-year-old.

Is this not at odds with anxieties we express about children and computers at a later stage? We bewail the addiction of teenagers to the tiny screen, and lament the theft of time they might spend on books or exercise or family discourse. Products for toddlers can only have been tested in the short term.

Recent research has demonstrated that too much TV for one to two-year-olds impairs their speech development. Are computers good for them? Surely at 18 months the proper conduit for a child's learning is another human being.

Anthony Askew, a spokesman for Random House, which markets *Jump Ahead* in the UK, insists that the Toddlers' disc shouldn't be used without parental involvement. "It isn't a babysitting tool," he says. The series comes with a parent's guide that suggests activities away from the computer triggered by the on-screen games, such as "sing nursery rhymes" or "count steps as you go upstairs".

The pre-school disc, for four to five-year-olds, however, includes a feature that allows parents to find out how successful a child has been on the screen in their absence. This does give the impression that if you plonk a child in front of a screen the computer will take care of some aspect of its education.

It is, however, no substitute for conventional learning. Jane Mitra of the Parents' Information Network, a support group for parents who want to know about computers for children, which collaborated on *Jump Ahead*, says that it does not offer a head start. "Children would learn what it teaches anyway. It is just another way to stimulate them."

So what does *Jump Ahead* offer? If you sit with a small child on your lap and talk to him or her as you look at the screen the child will learn in the same way as sharing a book or a television programme. Together you encounter letters, numbers, shapes, animals and musical instruments. Children may learn mouse and keyboard skills but will lose interest after a time. Just bear in mind that by the time your child grows up keyboard skills may be obsolete — everything could be voice-operated by then.

The computer virus that is killing academic life

E-mail has replaced debate at universities, writes **Dan Cohn-Sherbok**

A cancer is growing inside our universities; it is destroying research and eating away at the fabric of academic life. Yet it has gone unnoticed.

It all started years ago when computers were first introduced. Before then, academics wrote or typed out their research; they passed on these manuscripts to secretaries who retyped them for publication. With the advent of word processors, however, all this changed. Lecturers were expected to learn how to embrace the new technology and computer labs set up courses to teach them.

It looked easier than it was. To operate this machinery a new set of skills had to be acquired, and a great deal of time and energy was expended assimilating computer language and learning to type with more than one finger. Most academics were enchanted by the experience and felt they were entering a new age of discovery. In the common rooms, discussions frequently focused on the merits of the different types of computers and the well-nigh impossible problems involved in making them work. Rather than discuss the latest ideas, lecturers preferred to debate the merits of the IBM as opposed to the Macintosh system.

Despite the appeal of these new devices I had my suspicions even then. Would they really make academic life easier? Would I become more productive? It seemed more probable that I would take a very long time to learn how to be computer-literate and I would not have a minute for my research. So I resisted the temptation and stuck to my manual typewriter. To my delight so many of my colleagues had been seduced into this brave new world that the university secretaries suddenly had little to do. I would give them all my typing — for a couple of glorious years I had a team of secretaries busy at work on my manuscripts.

It was too good to last. Eventually the powers-that-be decreed that secretaries were no longer allowed to do copytyping. As a consequence, I was forced to purchase my own word processor. I bought the cheapest I could find: it is light, portable, and has about 40 hours of battery life. I also obtained a simple printer and a modem so that I could receive and send e-mail from my office. Such a choice was viewed as highly eccentric. Why, my colleagues wondered, didn't I want to have a more sophisticated computer, one that would also enable me to surf the Internet?

The answer was simple: I had seen that the preoccupation with technology was becoming a scourge. Instead of concentrating on their research, a significant number of academics spent most of their free time studying computer manuals and practising new techniques. One of my friends spent months putting the esoteric vocabulary of his discipline into his spell-checker! Even worse, innumerable hours were being frittered away on the Internet. Instead of writing books, academics were sending long e-mail messages to friends in foreign countries, becoming members of discussion groups about arcane topics, downloading irrelevant material, and pursuing the catalogues of libraries around the world to discover whether they stocked their works.

The disease has also spread to the student population. Over the past few years, millions of pounds have been spent on computer equipment, and it is the goal of many universities to have a personal terminal in every student room. Clearly even more will have to be spent. But what do students do on these machines? The most popular pursuit is sending e-mail.

I am the first to admit that computers have their uses. They produce admirable library catalogues (if only libraries were not everlastingly changing the system). They have greatly facilitated the allocation of seats in theatres and on aeroplanes. Nearer home, even I find it helpful to be able to correct one's work on the screen and to produce a tidy manuscript. Students' essays that are produced on a wordprocessor are far easier to read than the old, handwritten models. Communication within the university has been speeded up, if not improved, by the introduction of e-mail. But the situation is totally out of hand.

University administrators have been every bit as seduced as the academics. They really seem to believe that staff and students will become more efficient and productive.

The truth, however, is that academic life has become worse rather than better as a result. Where there was once debate, shared activity and private reading, students now play with the Internet and stand in queues waiting for a screen to become available.

If anything, research has slowed down as a result of the infinite electronic opportunities for wasting time. Higher education has become a forum for watching a screen. To put it brutally, it is a guilt-free alternative to daytime television.

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John O'Leary on a teacher-exchange scheme celebrating its tenth birthday

Jet flies high in Japan

When a slightly eccentric insurance executive put forward plans for an Anglo-Japanese teacher exchange programme in the 1970s he was greeted with predictable scepticism. The costs appeared prohibitive and the benefits doubtful.

This month, with more than 5,000 graduates from English-speaking countries teaching in Japan, the success of his vision was celebrated in Tokyo. The attendance of Crown Prince Naruhito at the celebration ceremony showed how much importance is attached to the programme.

Not that there was any doubt about the commitment of the Government to the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme, better known as Jet. There is no country more aware of the advantages conveyed by the English language and none more conscious of the insular attitudes bred by isolationism. About £101 million is being spent this year mainly to bring English-speakers into schools, even though most are not trained teachers and are not allowed to take classes without a Japanese teacher.

The rigid nature of teaching in Japanese schools and the poor oral skills of many teachers make for slow progress in an area of the curriculum that is still not a high priority for most pupils or parents. But the presence of young, outgoing Westerners can be an education in itself, especially for rural communities with little experience of foreigners.

Ten years old this month, the programme now involves 18 countries and is the largest of its type in the world. Britain is second only to the United States in the number it sends, with more than 800 graduates in Japan this year. Nine out of 10 are helping to teach English, the second language in Japanese high schools; the remainder work in municipal offices, involved mainly in translation work. When they return home (after one, two, or three years) alumni are expected to undertake occasional promotional work, explaining the programme and giving talks about Japan.

The salary of £22,000 a year generally covers living costs, especially outside the main cities, where most Jets teach. Mark Eite, a graduate of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, teaches at Inagakuen Comprehensive High School. He says the money is so generous that it breeds resentment among Japanese staff who are paid less and work longer hours.

But Mr Eite says the main bar to successful team teaching is the conservative outlook of staff. Textbooks have always been followed slavishly and although some young teachers are willing to break away, most are afraid of losing control.

Japanese officials are in no hurry, however. They claim to detect significant improvements in standards of spoken English and they are convinced they are on to a winner in terms of cultural diplomacy.

● *To contact Jet write to Dept P, Council on International Exchange, 33 Seymour Place, London W1H 6AT (0171-478 2010). Closing date for applications for July 1997 is December 6.*

Next week: How Japan may shape higher education in Britain.

A lesson in breaking the rules

It is time parents assumed more control in schools, says **Anne Lee**

The reaction of parents, pupils and staff to the news that the head of Cheltenham College had been forced to resign has, once again, raised questions about the decisions made by some governing bodies of independent schools. There has been an outcry over the governors' decision to ask Peter Wilkes to leave after a slight drop in A-level performance this summer.

Some of our greatest schools have no parents involved in their governance, and very few independent schools actually allow parents to elect their own representatives.

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A good model for the structure of independent schools' governing bodies is provided by commercial boards of directors. The executive directors are the head and other staff such as the bursar and directors of curriculum, pastoral care and development. They should work with the non-executive directors, including Church and medical representatives, as well as specialists in management, science, the arts, technology, and sport. Governing bodies range from 15 to 25 members.

In many schools, becoming a governor means also becoming a trustee, which, by law, prohibits a paid member of staff from joining. To ensure that staff are represented, they should either be appointed as non-voting members or the role of trustee should be separated from that of governor.

Schools should not be threatened by including parents and senior staff on their governing boards. Better decisions would result.

One reason for the outcry from parents and staff at Cheltenham College this week was that they had no input into the future of their headmaster nor any inkling of his departure until it was a *fait accompli*.

The good traditions of our great schools are well able to look after themselves and letting governing bodies get out of touch with their customers will not help them to survive.

● *The author is an academic and a businesswoman who was headhunted to become Headmistress of Malvern Girls' College (1994-1996). Currently she is an Education and Business Adviser and a governor of Queenswood School.*

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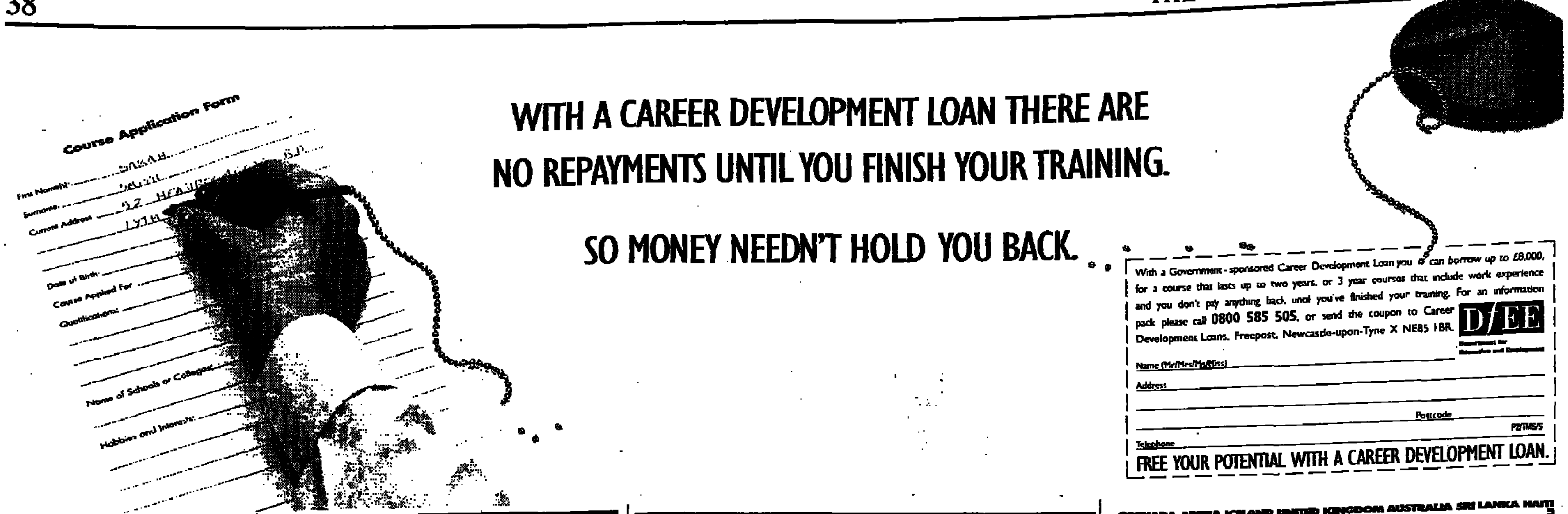

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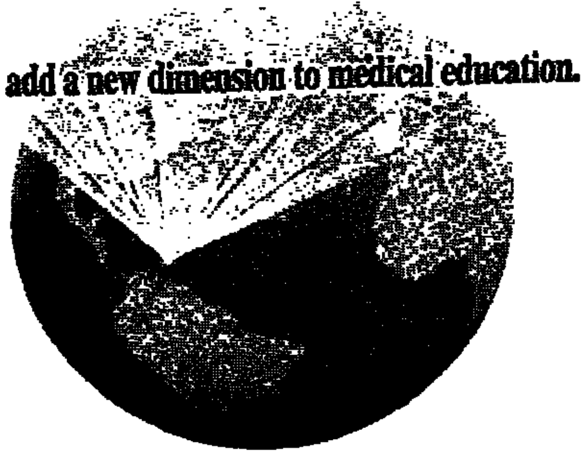

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Irresistible songs by Leiber and Stoller are sung and danced by angels in *Smokey Joe's Cafe*

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Hamlet with a difference as Philip Franks's Greenwich production springs a few surprises

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Niamh Cusack's quiet performance makes her one of the great Rosalinds in the RSC's *As You Like It*

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Note-perfect foursome: Victor Trent Cook, Alton Fitzgerald White, Devin Richards and Harrison White

Give our regards to Broadway's finest

Smokey Joe's Cafe
Prince of Wales

At last, a musical anthology which has the courage to be nothing but a collection of songs with no book, no governing idea, no concept and no stars. It aims low and, glory be, it works. In fact it works brilliantly, for the simple reason that the Fifties and Sixties standards of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller are some of the greatest compositions in pop history.

What makes their music so irresistible is that they managed to cross-fertilise the black sounds of gospel and blues with their own idiosyncratic vaudevillian wit. In so doing they not only fashioned hits for James Brown, Tom Jones, George Benson and Aretha Franklin, but also created such anthems as *Charlie Brown* for the Coasters, *Stand By Me* for Ben E. King, and *Hound Dog* for a young swiveller called Elvis Presley.

Hotfoot from Broadway and trailing a clutch of Tony nominations, Jerry Zaks's production of *Smokey Joe's Cafe* sifts through two decades of L & S classics with the assurance of a glossy brochure selling priceless real estate. Against giant painted sheets of record labels and Fifties icons, a mixed cast of supremely assured actors sing like angels through an awesome running list of torch songs and dance routines.

What makes it so much more than a night in with your local Wurlitzer is that Zaks deftly plays up the brass wit of the songs themselves. Abbreviating them, even running them into each other, he creates transient scenarios which his note-perfect cast flesh into two-sided sketches about puppy love, notably in *Neighborhood* and *Keep On Rollin'*. During the latter, you can almost hear trains shunting as a velvet-voiced barbershop quartet get all misty-eyed on a station platform.

Sex is rarely a song away. A stockinged leg slides around a curtain to introduce us to the sassy delights of Stephanie Pope and the improbably-named Delee Lively in *Trouble*. Summoning the kind of confidence only the beautiful and blonde can do, Pope and Lively barely need to growl, let alone sing in tune, to disarm their prey.

However, it takes a piece of vocal genius to lift a show from the feel-good to the remarkable. It is supplied by Victor Trent Cook, whose rendition of *I (Who Have Nothing)* is the most sensational piece of anguished soul I've ever heard.

The American producers have every reason to be optimistic about *Smokey Joe's Cafe*. Nine out of ten times when a show like this aims low it hits zero. This one hits the bull's eye.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Higher princely sum

Hamlet
Greenwich

The route into a production of *Hamlet*, so some say, is by way of the Ghost. Is he stony, martial, loving, agitated by infernal winds, the furious monarch, or a kindly papa? Determine this and the director's thoughts on the play emerge. Likewise those of the actor playing Hamlet.

Here the actor is Michael Maloney, his director Philip Franks and the Ghost (David Allister), in toga and laurel circlet, has the appearance of a vainglorious statue until he turns his head to look back at Horatio. Now we see a countenance truly more sorrowful than angered, and the scene with his son develops into frenzied demonstrations of love from Hamlet that the Ghost appreciates, even enjoys. This production looks set to emphasise excessive filial devotion.

So it proves. Franks, Maloney and his co-actors create an evening of great fascination, and there are a couple of unusual, perhaps unprecedented ideas that powerfully enrich the play. Julian McGowan's design also updates the costumes to a recent past, with crisply tailored suits and dresses for the ladies, and places a steel gantry above the stage to serve as Elsinore's battlements.

Maloney's generally unsmiling features, reminiscent of a young Sherlock Holmes, suggest a man damaged before his mother's remarriage, before his father's death. The confidence with which Maloney delivers Hamlet's strictures on human behaviour allow the interpretation that he is chafing for power, yearning to involve himself in high deeds and derring-do, whether conquering bits of Poland or sacking Troy. But throughout this production it is any phrase that twists him towards the thought of incest that really curdles his voice.

DONALD COOPER

Dressed to kill: Zoe Waites is an anxious Ophelia, Michael Maloney (Hamlet) a distressed son

He speaks the soliloquies with a sense of self-discovery, revealing himself unto himself as unto us. The words sound newly-minted in his brain except (nice touch) when he rattles off "O, what a rogue 'n' peasant slave am I!" as though the line were an overworn proverb. In the scene with Zoe Waites's Ophelia he takes her in his arms, stroking her hair, and gently suggests a nunnery — this whole passage fuelled by sudden knowledge that his own words can be liars.

Waites is an anxious Ophelia, repressed by court and parental convention, yet in the clarity of her following speech, where her concern is solely for Hamlet's welfare, she movingly conveys the truth of the girl's love. After this, surrounded by players bringing on monstrous heads for the dumbshow, the seeds of madness are in place.

A brilliant innovation by Franks makes the Player King's speech animated by the other players, one of whom holds Hamlet like a marionette, in the role of Pyrrhus frozen in the act of killing Priam, thus foreshadowing Hamlet's own irresolution.

George Irving gives us a permanently troubled Claudius, self-promoted beyond his capability. Dinah Stabb's Gertrude is a background figure. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern (Bob Barrett, Richard Freeman), a comically unalike couple, are deliciously furtive, and Vincent Penfold's Osrick will clearly become the next king's Polonius, and avoid the mistake of fathering a daughter.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Unnatural acts well acted

As You Like It
Barbican Theatre

There is nothing natural about nature in Steven Pimlott's production, designed by Ashley Martin-Davies. Trees descend from above like metal telegraph poles threatening to crush the characters, who wander around on the bare polished-steel floor of the Forest of Arden and are periodically dusted with fake snow. In such a world, it is hardly surprising that brother turns on brother in both the Duke and Orlando's households. And it makes sense that, once banished by her own uncle, Rosalind should trick nature by dressing as a man.

Pimlott's production is robustly populist. It features intrusive music by Jason Carr and even full-blown sung numbers, as if Pimlott has not quite got over the excitement of directing *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. But the actors are wonderful. Liam Cunningham makes a vigorous Orlando, so fired up by the injustice of his brother Oliver that he overpowers the champion wrestler Charles with relative ease. Yet when he discovers that Oliver plans to murder him, his masculine composure is shattered and his tears the more affecting.

With her gift for communicating unaffected charm, Niamh Cusack seems ideally suited as Rosalind — innocent without being naive, feminine without resorting to tweeness. With each successful encounter in the guise of the "sweet youth" Ganymede, her audacity grows. In its quiet way, Cusack's performance is one of the great Rosalinds of our time. It is slightly puzzling why she does not reveal her identity to her father, who is living Robin Hood-like very close by in the forest. As played by Robert Demeger, marvellously noble in his drooping moustaches, he seems an eminently cheerful, self-reliant fellow. He welcomes the distraught and hungry Orlando and faithful Adam (John Quayle) with serene generosity.

The baddies are altogether less credible, which makes the story simpler though perhaps poorer. As Oliver, Sebastian Harcombe seems to come from totally different stock from Orlando. Wheezily scrawny and vicious, he struts in silver and gold pantaloons, and is reunited with his brother only when he is back in plain garb. Colum Convey as Duke Frederick is directed to be a spitting screeching pantomime villain who affectedly clutches his head as if the humours within are so unpleasant they actually hurt.

In the forest, in spite of the industrial metal and the snow which never melts, the conventions of comedy remain sacred. Joseph Fiennes and Victoria Hamilton make an excellent horse-and-carriage pairing as the non-lovers, Silvius and Phebe. Like a strapping little cart horse, she stamps and snorts away, while he, lanky, sensitive yet utterly inept, clatters behind.

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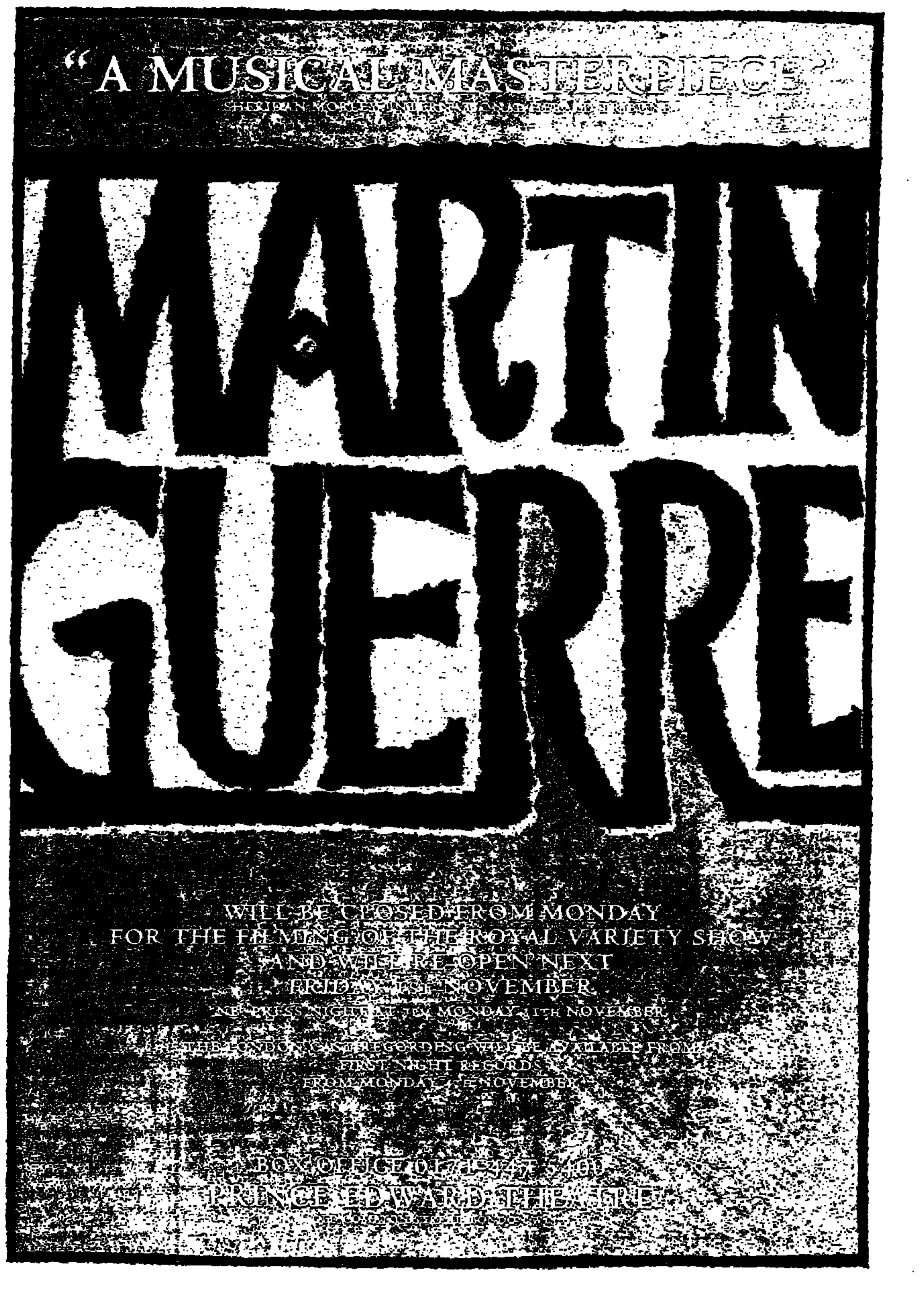

■ CHOICE 1

David Thacker directs *Death of a Salesman* at the National

VENUE: Previews from tonight at the Lyttelton

■ CHOICE 2

Elvis Costello helps Fretwork to celebrate a decade of music-making

VENUE: Sunday at the Wigmore Hall

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■ POP 1

The McGarrigle sisters are writing the kind of emotive songs they could not have written 25 years ago

■ POP 2

The story of the Rutles seemed to be over, until Rory Bremner stepped in to revive the joke

LONDON

BURIED TREASURE Latest play by David Ashton, back in Western Scotland where God and the Devil (*in kirk and ballroom*) are embattled. Robin Lefèvre directs "a West Coast *High Noon*" for the Bush Theatre in exile.
Lyric Theatre Studio, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

DANCE UMBRELLA: The French choreographer Charles Cré-Ange returns to London after seven years with his dance group Compagnie Cré-Ange. On the programme is a new work, *Squares*, set to music from Jimi Hendrix, Otis Redding and Duke Ellington.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm. 🅂

DEATH OF A SALESMAN Alun Armstrong and Marjorie Yates play Arthur Miller's Mr and Mrs Everyman, directed by David Thacker.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Previews tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Oct 31, 7pm.

FRETWORK: The mouldbreaking chamber ensemble celebrates its tenth anniversary with a concert blending baroque and contemporary music. Rock Renaissance man Elvis Costello joins

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

the group for part of the programme which includes one of Costello's own compositions.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Sunday, 7pm. 🅂

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: The **Birmingham Contemporary Music Group** under Stefan Asbury performs *Last Round*, a world premiere of a work by the Argentinian composer Osvaldo Golijov. The programme also features works by Hans Abrahamsen and George Benjamin.
Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham Conservatoire, Paradise Place (0121-605 6666). Tonight, 7.30pm. 🅂

Also in **Birmingham** the start of a UK tour for the **Danish National Radio Symphony Orchestra** under its conductor Ulf Schirmer. On the programme tonight and tomorrow (**Leeds**) is a new work by Bent Sørensen, as well as works by Beethoven and Carl Nielsen.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 8pm. 🅂 **Town Hall,** Leeds (0113 2476962). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

GLASGOW: Opening night for **Scottish Opera**'s production of *Inês de Castro*. James MacMillan's first full-scale opera is based on John Clifford's drama about the murder of the 14th century Spanish mistress of the Crown Prince of Portugal.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (0141-332 9000). Tonight, 7.15pm. 🅂

LEEDS: *Top choreographer Richard* Alston brings his young dance company to town this weekend. The programme features *Stardust*, Alston's latest work *Okho*, and *Beyond Measure*.
Riley Theatre, 98 Chapeltown Road (0113-262 5358). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Jam: style, music and technology (0171-638 4141) . . **British Museum:** Mysteries of Ancient China (0171-636 1555) . . **Brunei:** Ottoman Art (0171-637 2388) . . **Alan Cristea:** David Hockney (0171-439 1866) . . **Hayward:** Antony Gormley (0171-928 3144) . . **National:** Rubens's Landscapes (0171-747 2885)

☐ **ACCOMMODATING EVA:** Dilie Keane plays an illegal Albanian immigrant who takes neat revenge on the lawyer who evicts her from her flat. Tom Dulack directs Sylvia Freedman's new comedy.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm.

■ **ART:** Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Ken Stott in exceptionally interesting drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white canvas. Matthew Warchus directs.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats *Wed, 3pm. Sat and Sun, 5pm.*

☐ **AS YOU LIKE IT:** Steven Pimlott's superbly cast production from this year's Stratford comes to London where it will run until March.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm. In rep. 🅂

☐ **A DOLL'S HOUSE:** Janet McTeer slams the door in Anthony Page's production of Ibsen's proto-feminist drama. Owen Teale plays her smothering husband, with John Carlisle as Dr Rank.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30p

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION.** Maggie Steed in the title role, with Catherine Cusack as her outraged daughter in Neil Bartlett's strongly cast *production of Shaw's 1893 shocker.*
Lyric, King St, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm. 🅂

☐ **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE.** Subtitled "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller". Hit *Broadway* compilation show celebrating a successful songwriting team, responsible for *Hound Dog, Jailhouse Rock* and *Spanish Harlem*.
Prince of Wales, Coventry St, W1 (0171-839 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **TALKING HEADS:** Transfer of the Chichester sell-out production of Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack performing two monologues by Alan Bennett.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Opens Oct 22, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **UNCLE VANYA:** Bill Bryden's starry Chichester cast: Frances Barber, Constance Cummings, Trevor Eve, Derek Jacobi, Peggy Mount, Imogen Stubbs and Richard Johnson.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Until November 16.

☐ **WHEN WE ARE MARRIED:** Dawn French, Alison Steadman and Leo McKern head the splendid cast of Jude Kelly's production of the Priestley evergreen, first seen at Chichester.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ ***Blood Brothers:*** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . . ◪ **Buddy:** Strand (0171-930 8800) . . ■ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . ◪ **Grease:** Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . .
☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (0171-344 0065)

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NEW RELEASES

◆ **CHAIN REACTION** (12): Who is sabotaging a university energy project? Slickly packaged, derivative thriller with Keanu Reeves and Morgan Freeman. Director, Andrew Davis.
MGM Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0990 888990)

NICO ICON: Fascinating documentary about the model and singer Nico, smoky-voiced siren of the Velvet Underground. Director, Susanne Ofteringer.
ICA 🅂 (0171-930 3647)

TROMEO & JULIET (18): Crude, juvenile updating of Shakespeare's tragedy from the infamous Troma company. Lloyd Kaufman directs Jane Jensen and Will Keenan.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **TWELFTH NIGHT** (U): Trevor Nunn's absorbing, autumnal version of Shakespeare's comedy, with Imogen Stubbs, Helena Bonham Carter, and Nigel Hawthorne.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** 🅂 (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon Phoenix** (0171-369 1721) **MGM Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Screen/Hill 🅂 (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY (15): SensitiveFrench film about a young Parisian (Garance Clavel) searching for her cat and a meaning to life. Director, Cédric Klapisch.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO** (U): Pleasant new version of the classic tale, mixing humans (Martin Landau, Geneviève Bujold) and animatronics. Director, Steve Barron.
Clapham Pic Hse (0171-498 3323) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ALASKA** (PG): Antique family adventure about two children searching for their father's crashed plane. With Thora Birch and Charlton Heston, directed by Fraser C. Heston.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031)

◆ **BREAKING THE WAVES** (18): Lars Von Trier's extraordinary melodrama about a naive Scottish girl (Emily Watson, wonderful) giving her all to an oil-rig worker. With Stellan Skarsgård.
Barbican 🅂 (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Gate** 🅂 (0171-727 4043) **Lumière** (0171-836 0691) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

◆ **DRAGONHEART** (PG): Patchwork medieval fantasy about a knight and a dragon with Sean Connery's voice. With Dennis Quaid; director, Rob Cohen.
Empire 🅂 (0990 888 990) 🅂 **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031)

◆ **TIN CUP** (15): Pleasing comedy about a reckless golfer (Kevin Costner) trying for the US Open. With Rene Russo, Don Johnson.
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Nigel Williamson meets two middle-aged Canadian sisters on their British tour

A nice line in experience

There are two ways of dealing with middle age in the music industry. The traditional method much favoured by Mick Jagger and other male rockers is to kick and fight and refuse to recognise the grey hairs which the rest of the world sees. The other, much rarer, is to accept the march of time and fashion the experience it provides into fresh creativity.

Kate and Anna McGarrigle, the Canadian sisters touring Britain, have opted for the latter course. Twenty years ago they won *Melody Maker's* album of the year award with the bitter-sweet songs and effortless harmonies of their debut. Now, both in their early fifties, the sisters have produced a stunning new album full of emotive songs about watching teenage daughters grow up, the death of an aged parent and celebrating the fact that sex does not end at 40.

The sisters have no problem with my description of *Matapedia* as an album about coming to terms with middle age. "Sure," says Kate. "You can have all that plastic surgery and you still look like an old girl. But why deny your experience? We couldn't have written *these songs 25 years ago.* We're still growing. Our mother decided she was going to start to drive at 65. She just said one day, I reckon I can do that."

The album's title song, the name of a small town in Canada, tells the story of an old lover encountering Kate's 17-year-old daughter for the first time and thinking he has seen her mother's ghost. The result is poignant and wistful, yet never twee or self-indulgent. Anna's *Song for Gaby* records in intensely observed detail her emotions on the death of their mother. "The bird song, the scent, things that remind you in an almost unbearable way," she says. Another song, *Why Must We Die?*, was sparked by no less than four tragic deaths among the high-school friends of Anna's teenage children.

Kate and Anna McGarrigle: "We're more like Brontës than Gallaghers"

It is hardly the standard subject-matter of rock 'n' roll, although *Talk About It* concerns a one-night stand after a party: "Wrong? It never was. Why? Just because." Yes, kids, 50-year-olds have sex too. In the scope and the breadth of its emotion, probably no one else could have made an album quite like it.

The McGarrigles stumbled into the recording business through a series of happy accidents. "We didn't even know it was an industry. We thought it was about art," Kate says. "We were arrogant. We didn't take any notice of all that corporate stuff; we didn't know the rules. Now we play the game."

Well, up to a point. Seven albums in two decades and six years since the last one is not exactly a work rate designed to appeal to label executives, constantly demanding "product". Anna shrugs and Kate laughs. "It doesn't seem that long. We've been very lucky with our record companies," says Kate.

And luck has played a big part in their career. Kate drifted to New York in the early 1970s and married the singer Loudon Wainwright. She heard floor singers in coffee shops and bars and one day rang Anna back in Canada. "I think we can do as good as this," she told her sister.

Again almost by accident Maria Muldaur heard one of their home-made demo tapes and recorded a couple of songs, just as her *Midnight at the Oasis* was about to make her an international star. A Warner Brothers contract followed. Linda Ronstadt sold a million with Anna's *Heart Like A Wheel* and the likes of Judy Collins and Emmylou Harris were soon queueing to record the McGarrigles' songs.

There was a brief flirtation in the 1980s with synthesizers and a nine-piece band, but today the sisters are back to the simplicity of accordion and fiddle, guitar and piano.

So how do the sisters remain in such harmony when rock 'n' roll siblings from Don and Phil Everly to the Oasis brothers are notorious for their fraternal fighting? "I think women are different," says Kate. "There's not the rivalry: we support each other. You know, we're more Emily and Charlotte Brontë than Liam and Noel Gallagher."

● *The McGarrigle sisters are at the Barbican (0171-638 8891) tonight*

The spoof Beatles are back in business

CAITLIN MORAN

Remember the scene in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* where Bob Hoskins boards Howie, the cartoon cab, and drives from the rainy backstreets of (real) Hollywood into (surreal) Toontown? As he passes under the Welcome To Toontown sign, the world suddenly becomes juicy and Dayglo, with the sun and the trees singing barber-shop quartets.

I imagine that's what it was like when Neil Innes first heard the Beatles. So when, in 1978, Eric Idle decided to tell the story of the Beatles in the exceedingly silly *All You Need Is Cash* spoof and asked Innes to supply a dozen authentic songs for the Rutles to sing, Innes set about the task with glee.

The result was, on Idle's side, the most accurate and mirth-rousing poke at the music industry ever filmed, out-legging *Spinal Tap* and *Bad News* by several leagues. And on Innes's side an album which, while fairly swooning with Beatlesque harmonies and arrangements, was lyrically sharp, wonderfully observed, and packed with more joyful melodies than you could shake a mop-top at.

However, Innes didn't get what he deserved. First, everyone regarded the Rutles as a joke band and *The Rutles* as a joke album. Secondly, even though Innes paid a musicologist $5,000 to prove his songs were significantly different from his idols', the Beatles' publisher sued and Innes's publisher settled out of court.

"It cost me at least £20,000 in royalties," Innes says. "John [Lennon] had advised me to leave *Get Up And Go* off the album and I did. I thought after that we'd be OK. But they still had me."

Innes retired from the music industry, and started writing and narrating a puppet-show for children's television. The story of the Rutles seemed to be over — until Rory Bremner stepped in. "He rang me and said: 'Two things have happened this week — Princess Diana on *Panorama*, and the Beatles releasing *Free As A Bird*. I'll handle Diana — you do the Beatles.'"

This kick-started Innes's interest in the Rutles and, a year later, *Archaeology* is the result. Served on a buttery sauce of Beatleness, *Archaeology* ranges from the biting melancholy of *Joe Public* to the rollicking silliness of *Rendezvous*. Basically, the Beatles without the burden of their history.

Does Innes worry about being too closely tied to the Beatles, when *Archaeology* proves what a talented songwriter he is in his own right? "I was talking to George Harrison last week," Innes says, "and he said, don't worry about it, milk it for all it's worth — after all, two albums in 18 years is hardly opportunism."

● Archaeology *is now out on Virgin Records*

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■ POP 6

Thomas Lang is proving that white soul is alive and well and living in Liverpool

POP ALBUMS: **David Sinclair** can take Madonna as Evita but wishes the Beatles had simply let it be

Madonna finds her match

Dictating style: Madonna as Evita Perón has finally found a part to match her towering aspirations and to make more demands on her musical talents than ever before

MADONNA & VARIOUS ARTISTS
Music From The Motion Picture Evita
(Maverick/Warner Bros 9362-46432)

THE STORY of how a humble peasant girl rose to power and became idolised by the masses, only to fall victim in the end to her own hubris is already familiar. But enough of Madonna's acting career.

In *Evita*, the singer has at last found a character to match the grand scale of even her ambition, and say what you will of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, their music places far more extravagant demands on her voice than anything she has previously tackled.

By and large, she copes remarkably well with melodies that dip and wobble like corks in a heavy sea and stylised lyrics which skilfully compress whole chunks of narrative into short, operatic bursts of song. Certainly, she more than holds her own in various duets with Antonio Banderas (as Che Guevara) and Jonathan Pryce (as Juan Perón).

But the key to this unlikely triumph is how emotionally in tune she is with the part of Eva Perón, even stamping her mark on *Don't Cry For Me Argentina* with such authority that previous versions are momentarily eclipsed.

BOYZONE
A Different Beat
(Polydor 5337422)

IT IS odd the way these boy bands close the circle between screaming teenagers and the blue-rinse brigade. For despite their fresh-faced look, there is nothing on Boyzone's second album, with the possible exception of the MN8-influenced *Strong Enough*, that would not sit comfortably on a Julio Iglesias or Barry Manilow collection.

Accurately flagged by the old Bee Gees chestnut, *Words*, *A Different Beat* seems to unfold in slow motion, as a succession of sludgy ballads, such as *Don't Stop Looking for Love* and *Paradise*, come winging in with the monotonous regularity of planes on the flight path to Heathrow.

The boys' own compositions, which comprise most of the songs, show signs of a nascent songwriting craft but are let down by their "moon in June" lyrics, although, to be fair, none of the originals is quite as simple-minded as the cabaret standard, *Melting Pot*.

AUDIOWEB
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YOU DO not have to come from Manchester to make this kind of record, but evidently it helps. Picking up where Stereo MCs and Happy Mondays left off, Audioweb's superb debut deftly combines guitar riffs from the fashionable end of rock with a panoply of dance-music tricks and techniques: dub beats, tape loops, turntable scratching, rap and ragga chants, you name it.

A faithful version of the Clash's *Bankrobber* points to an early source of inspiration for this bold cross-cultural package, and *Sleeper* is a classic portrait of back-to-bed alienation set to an irresistibly shuffling beat, showcasing the extraordinary stylistic range of vocalist Martin Merchant, who starts off singing in an airy, melodic alto and ends in a gruff, rumbling rap. Watch this one fly.

THE BEATLES
Anthology 3
(Apple/EMI 8 34451, 2 CDs)

AS THEY reach the bottom of a very deep barrel, the Beatles' record company and producer George Martin will doubtless take comfort from the knowledge that in less than a year *Anthologies 1* and *2* have sold a combined total of 13 million double albums.

Once again, *Anthology 3* — the last in the series — combs the archives, unearthing yet another batch of rejected takes, home demos and other manifestly substandard curiosities, this time from the group's twilight years of 1968-70. None of these recordings has been commercially released before, and some items, such as George Harrison's *Not Guilty*, are briefly intriguing.

But while the project has obviously been vindicated by the overwhelming public demand, hardly any of it is designed to withstand even the mildest critical scrutiny. Having set the standard by which all popular music has subsequently been judged, the Beatles have now established a benchmark for crude nostalgic indulgence on a previously unimagined scale.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

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9	Older	George Michael (Virgin)
10	Dance into the Light	Phil Collins (Face Value)

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Blue-eyed soul contender

Alan Jackson meets Thomas Lang, Liverpool's keeper of the soul flame

The best singers are not always those who figure in the charts, particularly in the soul arena. But the welcome news is that the undervalued art of white soul singing is still alive and well — not in New York or Los Angeles but in northwest England. The evidence is on the overdue new album by Liverpool's Thomas Lang.

Versions is, as its title suggests, a collection of covers, impeccably chosen and beautifully performed. Devotees of a golden age of 1970s black music will recall the originals instantly — among them Teddy Pendergrass on *Love TKO*, Luther Ingrams or Millie Jackson on *(If Loving You Is Wrong) I Don't Want To Be Right*, and Bill Withers on *Use Me*. What Lang, 34, brings to such material, though, is his rare ability to convey passion through restraint.

The seventh of eight children from a typically matriarchal, Catholic, working-class family, Lang grew up absorbing the varying musical tastes of his parents and his older brothers and sisters. "I couldn't afford to buy records myself, so it was a question of listening to whatever was in the house. My Mum and Dad loved Nat King Cole and particularly Matt Monroe. And the others were into Gladys Knight, the Four Tops, the Isley Brothers, all the classic soul stuff. From the earliest age, I would sing along, and I suppose my own style developed as a hybrid of those two different forms."

Lang recalls vividly the first album he owned himself. "It was the late 1970s and I was really proud of having this hooded top that was fashionable at the time. But I swapped it for a mate's copy of the first Earth, Wind and Fire album. I played that record to death. It wasn't so much the lyrics that spoke to me but the rhythms and counter-rhythms, the incredible melodies, and the way in which the voice was used as an instrument. It really opened my eyes."

Lang: not Lederhosen, nor Lampshade

He left school at 15 with three CSEs, started work in a factory, then completed a four-year apprenticeship in civil engineering carpentry with British Rail. All the while he was singing in local bands — social-club gigs mainly — or performing backing vocals for acts such as the briefly successful Lotus Eaters. Eventually, he left his job to concentrate on music full time, and in 1986 he signed an album deal with Epic — but with one proviso.

"I had to change my surname," he smiles. "I'm actually Thomas Jones, but for obvious reasons they didn't want me using that. For months there was this game going on around Liverpool to rechristen me. Ian McCulloch from Echo & The Bunnymen was very keen on Thomas Lederhosen. By the time it got to Tom Lampshade, I was feeling desperate. It was my Mum who came up with Lang, a shortening of an old family name."

Scallywag Jaz, released in 1987, was produced by Pete Smith, fresh from his work on Sting's *The Dream Of The Blue Turtles*. Elegant, melancholic, enduringly haunting, it has survived the passage of time far better than many more commercially successful projects of that era. The image with which Epic hoped to sell this and a subsequent album, 1990's *Little Moscow*, travelled less well, however. The laconic and resolutely feet-on-the-ground Lang was presented as some overgroomed neo-crooner. The public was not so sure though, and the partnership came to an end.

Lang is sanguine about this early experience. "What happened, happened, and ultimately I'm responsible for it all. At the time, I had no real objection to being put into good suits and presented as a kind of Gitane-smoking, coffee-sipping lounge lizard. The fear lingered, however, that someone would come along and say, 'J'accuse! That's not what you are at all. You're just a Guinness man from Park Road, Toxteth'."

Two subsequent independently-released albums, and a *Live In Tokyo* set for Sony Japan, have kept Lang's name on the cognoscenti's lips in the interim, while work with the Smith Quartet and on soundtracks to the films *Leon The Pig Farmer* and *Solitaire For Two* have shown a willingness to take his talent in new directions.

The best tracks on *Versions*, meanwhile, display a confidence that is fully evident on his new and, as yet, unrecorded songs — wonderfully melodic ballads, but also dance-orientated material, composed with a new writing partner, John Uriel. "For me, it's not about wanting to be world-famous and a multimillionaire," he says. "I just aim to keep singing for the rest of my life."

● *Versions will be released by Telegraph, via BMG Records, on Monday*

I draw to a close. I want you, when you go out into the world, in times of trouble, and sorrow, and hopelessness, and despair, amid the hurly-burly of modern life, if ever you're tempted to say, 'Stuff this for a lark'; I want you, at such times, to cast your minds back to the words of my first text to you tonight. 'But my brother Esau is an hairy man, but I am a smooth man.'

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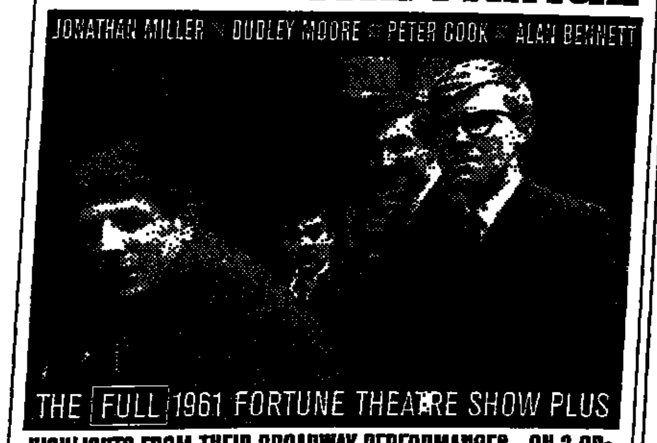

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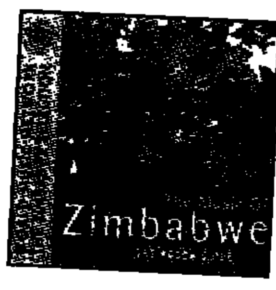

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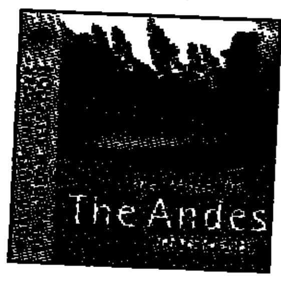

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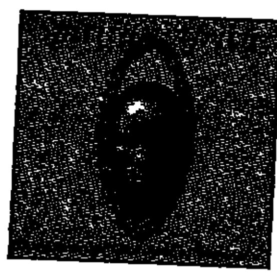

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BASEBALL: YANKEES COME FROM 6-0 DOWN TO LEVEL WORLD SERIES

Braves blunder away advantage

FROM KEITH BLACKMORE
IN ATLANTA

Leyritz, the New York pinch-hitter, watches the ball soar into the stands to tie the score at 6-6 against Atlanta

YOGI BERRA, a great catcher and a great manager for the New York Yankees in their golden age, was even more famous for his pronouncements on the game. "It ain't over 'til it's over," he once said, and the phrase has passed into the language.

The Yankees heeded the wisdom of their sage on Wednesday night and produced one of the great recoveries in World Series history to beat the Atlanta Braves 8-6 in ten innings here, so levelling the best-of-seven series at 2-2. With one more game to be played in Atlanta last night, the series will resume in New York tomorrow.

After the Braves won the first two games in New York, their superiority was such that the remaining fixtures seemed a formality, to be played out for the benefit of the fans in Atlanta. Even when they lost on Tuesday, it seemed no more than an aberration.

After five innings on Wednesday, it appeared normal service had been resumed. The Braves led 6-0 behind the excellent pitching of Denny Neagle. Fred McGriff had homered, Blauser had driven in one run — and Grissom two more — all in the second inning, chasing the Yankees' starting pitcher, Kenny Rogers, off the mound. Lopez had driven in another in the third, and Andruw Jones added another in the fifth.

The Braves' bandwagon was rolling swiftly towards a 3-1 series lead with the chance to clinch the championship at home in game five. Then the wheels started to fly off.

An innocous mistake — not an official error — by the young Atlanta outfielder, Jermaine Dye, began the trouble. He failed to catch a routine fly-ball from Derek Jeter that dropped into foul territory. His manager, Bobby Cox, later blamed the umpire for getting in the way, but Dye seemed simply to have misjudged the flight of the ball. Thus reprieved, Jeter singled. Neagle walked Williams, putting two men on base, and when poor Dye misplayed Cecil Fielder's ground ball — *this time the error* was official — two runs were scored. Another followed when Hayes drove in Fielder and the lead was halved.

The Braves should still have been safe enough, particularly once Mike Bielecki had pitched two brilliant innings of scoreless relief, but then Cox made a fateful decision. He elected to bring his usually titanic closer, Mark Wohlers, into play an inning early, even though Bielecki seemed to have the Yankees in hand.

Wohlers's first pitch to Hayes dribbled off the bat and towards foul territory, but by the time that Wohlers realised it was not going to cross the line (and thus pass out of play), Hayes was safely at first. Strawberry singled up the middle and, in a desperate throw, Joe Torre, the Yankees manager, sent up Jim Leyritz as a pinch-hitter. Wohlers threw him a slider (a sort of hybrid fast-curve ball) instead of his usual 97mph fast ball, and Leyritz smashed it into the leftfield seats.

The scores were tied, and although the Braves escaped further damage in that inning, no one with a feel for sporting destiny could doubt who would win. Sure enough, after a couple of near misses, the Yankees took the lead when the hapless Steve Avery, who had relieved Wohlers, loaded the bases, then walked in a run. The Yankees added another on a dreadful mistake by Klesko and the game was over.

"A lot of things went wrong for us tonight," Cox said. "We'll bounce back." Torre was elated but cautious. "We are going back to New York but I am not sure that's an advantage," he said. He has a point. The Yankees have won all seven away games they have played in the post-season so far, and neither team in this series has won a home fixture.

The winning pitcher turned out to be the Yankees' reliever, Graeme Lloyd, who had already gained distinction by becoming the first Australian to play in the World Series. Lloyd joined the Yankees from the *Milwaukee Brewers last* month in a controversial trade. The fact that he seemed to be carrying an elbow injury attracted the attention of the Yankees' meddlesome owner, George Steinbrenner, and has put the job of the man who made the trade, general manager Bob Watson, in jeopardy.

"I had no idea what I was going into," Lloyd said. "I have learnt a hell of a lot in three weeks in New York. I hope I have emerged the better for it. I wanted to show the people I could pitch."

As Berra also said: "You've got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there." The Atlanta Braves might understand what he meant.

DETAILS FROM GAME FOUR

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Runs	Hits	Errors
New York Yankees	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	8	12	0
Atlanta Braves	0	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	9	2

Time to lay down law on level playing field

GERALD DAVIES

Rugby Commentary

Rugby remains an intricate sport. Its many idiosyncrasies are unsatisfactory for a sport from which, henceforward, many players will earn their full-time salaries. I suspect that, in the next few seasons, the ability of the game's laws to give rise to various interpretations may prove the most problematical factor in turning the sport successfully from its amateur ways into a mature profession.

Players cannot be left in doubt as to why a match was lost and wonder why they are not returning home with the fatter wallets of a victory bonus.

The dubious winning penalty kick was once so much fodder for bar-room banter. It may still be so for the moment. But not for very much longer. A livelihood will hang in the balance and it will not simply be an excuse for another round of a gang's favourite tipple. This is serious stuff.

Lawrence Dallaglio, the Wasps flanker, had a graceless whinge when his team lost to Cardiff recently. He felt *that his opponents* transgressed too often. The easy award of seven points for a penalty try, for which he might have wished and which is prevalent in English circles at the moment, is not going to be rugby's salvation from want of clarity and precision. Penalties are *ubiquitous.*

In Wasps' match against Gloucester the previous week, there were 43 of them. A penalty count in the mid-30s is a common feature. This is an intolerably high figure for a sport earning its self-respect. Matches are marred by recurrent infringements of the law: teams win and lose in a jamboree of mistakes, upon the rise and fall of their luck or otherwise in the penalty ratio, and not specifically on the demonstration of their inherent skills. This is no way to conduct a business.

There are other difficulties. The referee of Llanelli's game against Pau in the Heineken Cup last Saturday had to be escorted off the field at the end of the match becase of all the on-field villainy. There was, briefly, a rumpus in Toulouse, too. But a hint of rugby's future difficulties was given at St Helens in Swansea last season, when Castres' agitated manager threatened to take his team off the field.

This was foolhardy and impetuous but, with the penalty count going against his team by 20 to nil in the first half, the most pure of rugby's purists must have harboured at least a modicum of sympathy with the man's evident frustrations.

One was left to wonder what might have been the reponse of a French crowd were they to be confronted with similar statistics on their own patch. Or to wonder, more suspiciously, whether the referee in those changed circumstances might have seen the transgressors in a different light and been forced to conclude that the culprits were not all wearing the same jersey. I am only asking.

If, for the moment, these deficiencies on the field are overshadowed by the bitter argument off it, they will soon have to be addressed.

The recent decision by the International Rugby Football Board will have helped in some respects to clarify certain anomolies that have begun to creep into common practice on the pitch. At long last, the scrummage law has been modified so that, while the scrum is in progress, no additional players can be added.

The lineout nowadays is a much clearer phase without the obstruction and the limitations of the past. Yet, contrary to what we see, the law states that no player can lift a colleague in his team. He may be "supported" up and above the waist, provided the player *is jumping for* the ball, but "lifting" is not allowed. There is evidence in every game, indeed in almost every lineout, that this law is conspicuously flouted.

But the area that creates the most acute problem is at the point of the tackle. The law states clearly that, after the tackle, "any other player must be on his feet when he plays the ball". Even the interpretation of this can differ. Apparently there are times in Scotland when it is permissible for the players to go to the ground to play the ball. This is odd in view of the law's straightforward wording.

Recently, John Bacigalupo, a referee from Scotland, had to issue instructions to Welsh and Irish clubs playing in the Heineken Cup that he would play according to their interpretation and not that of his own country. To add to the confusion, Gareth Jenkins, of Llanelli, promptly misunderstood this. This is hardly the way for a professional sport to conduct its affairs.

This is the area that gives rise to hindrance and to the greatest number of penalties. It needs to be resolved. After all, a repeated infringement carries with it the threat of a penalty try or a dismissal from the field.

Clearly, in these circumstances, it is easier to administer a penalty try rather than to justify, in an uncertain situation, the sending off of a man. However, the award of seven easy points for a penalty try when a score might not have been probable is not a satisfactory solution. Either way, a man's livelihood could be at risk.

The law is clear. It needs to be acted upon. Hitherto, this has not been, stringently enough, the case.

Court of Appeal — Law Report October 25 1996 — Employment Appeal Tribunal

No service on non-party abroad

Tate and Lyle Industries Ltd v CIA Usina Bulhoes and Cargill Inc

Before Lord Justice Hobhouse

[Judgment August 2]

The High Court had no power to allow service out of the jurisdiction of proceedings relating to an arbitration to which the proposed defendant was not a party. There could thus be no jurisdiction to issue an ex parte injunction against such a proposed defendant.

Lord Justice Hobhouse, sitting *as a single judge in the Court of* Appeal, Civil Division, so stated on an application for the continuation of an ex parte injunction granted in favour of Tate and Lyle pending an appeal to the Court of Appeal against the refusal by Mr Justice Clarke to continue that injunction.

The relevant parties were only two of the parties to the proceedings, namely Tate and Lyle Ltd, domiciled in the UK and applying for the injunction, and Cargill Inc, the second defendant, domiciled in the USA.

Tate and Lyle were in dispute with Bulhoes over the ownership of a cargo of sugar which had been sold on to Cargill Inc.

Mr Justice Clarke had decided earlier that day in the Queen's Bench Division that there was no basis on which the originating summons could properly be issued and served on Cargill and therefore he was not prepared to grant any relief to Tate and Lyle against Cargill for want of territorial or personal jurisdiction over Cargill. He therefore discharged the ex parte injunction.

Mr Edmund Broadbent for the appellants: Mr Mark Hoyle for Cargill.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that there was a contractual nexus between Tate and Lyle and the first defendant, Bulhoes, a Brazilian company with their place of business in Brazil, which had entered a contract for the sale of sugar yet to be produced and for its purchase by Tate and Lyle.

The nexus included an arbitration clause for arbitration in London. There was no contractual nexus whatsoever between Cargill and Tate and Lyle.

As between the plaintiffs and Bulhoes, the plaintiffs were entitled to rely upon clause 12 of the Arbitration Act 1950 which gave the High Court jurisdiction to grant an interim injunction against Bulhoes. Similarly, Order 73, rule 7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court appeared to give the plaintiffs as against Bulhoes a right to obtain leave to issue the originating summons in this country asking for relief under section 12 of the 1950 Act and to serve that originating summons out of the jurisdiction on Bulhoes.

That left open the question as to whether either section 12 or Order 73, rule 7 had any application to someone who was *not a party* to the arbitration agreement. Cargill were not such a party.

In *Unicargo v Flotec* (unreported, November 16, 1995) Mr Justice Clarke had held that Order 73, rule 7 did not apply to persons who were not parties to arbitration agreements. His Lordship found that reasoning persuasive.

However, Mr Justice Clarke in the instant case, when acting on that judgment and refusing to continue the injunction and to discharge it as against Cargill for want of jurisdiction, gave leave to appeal.

The judge, therefore, accepted that there were arguable points capable and suitable for consideration by the Court of Appeal that arose out of his decision in *Unicargo* and his application of it to the present case.

His Lordship proceeded on the same assumptions. The plaintiffs had an arguable point to raise before the Court of Appeal. However, that did not mean that they should automatically have an injunction pending the hearing. His Lordship approached the matter applying the principles in *American Cyanamid Co v Ethicon Ltd* ([1975] AC 396).

His Lordship noted that Tate and Lyle might have a remedy against Cargill in damages. Equally they might have a proprietary remedy based on asserting *rights to the money* received by Cargill from their sub-purchaser. In both cases Tate and Lyle had rights against Cargill on the assumption to which the grant of any injunction was wholly irrelevant.

The third approach, which was the argument presented, was that Bulhoes had disposed of sugar belonging to Tate and Lyle and were therefore liable to Tate and Lyle.

Bulhoes might have received money from Cargill which either represented simply a discharge of a debt by Cargill to Bulhoes or would represent once it was in the hands of Bulhoes, a fund which could be identified with the relevant sugar.

It was said that it was necessary to have an injunction not only against Bulhoes but also against Cargill to prevent the dissipation of that fund once in the hands of Bulhoes or someone holding it on their behalf.

There might be the necessity for relief against Bulhoes or against the bank holding the fund. One could not see what was the proprietary basis or the necessity of an injunction against Cargill.

If there was some appropriate way of seeking to freeze a fund which only existed abroad and with which the UK at the moment had no connection whatsoever, the appropriate course, and the convenient course for Tate and Lyle to adopt was to take the appropriate proceedings in the jurisdiction where it could find the debtor, Cargill, or where the fund was going to be brought into existence.

It did not seem that the balance of convenience was in any way in favour of the English court intervening *in what was essentially a* foreign problem which was properly dealt with by the courts of the USA, or if involved, by the courts of Brazil.

If it had been necessary to carry out a balancing exercise, there were significant factors to be placed on the other side of the scale. The court was being asked to interfere with contractual obligations of Cargill with Bulhoes, which did not have any connection with the UK and which would inevitably expose Cargill to some element of liability to Bulhoes.

Injunctions should not as a matter of principle be granted against third parties where they would interfere with third parties' contractual obligations.

Solicitors: Ince & Co; Mr Brian Perrott, Cobham.

Determining amount of income tax relief

Gascoine v Wharton (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Lindsay

[Judgment October 21]

Income tax relief for individuals for trading losses in the early years of trade under section 381(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 was to be determined by reference to the amount of the actual losses acruing during the actual year of assessment in which they were sustained and not by reference to the basis period used for computing the amount of taxable profits for that year.

Mr Justice Lindsay so held in the Chancery Division disallowing an appeal brought by way of originating notice of motion from a decision of a special commissioner (Mr D. A. Shirley) by the taxpayer, Mr D. W. H. Gascoine, upholding the refusal by a tax inspector of his claim for relief for £842 in the year 1991-92.

The taxpayer commenced a professional partnership on May 1, 1990. The partners made up their accounts to April 30 in each year. Between May 1, 1990 and April 30, 1991 the partnership made a loss of which £12,281 was allocated to the taxpayer. Between May 1, 1991 and April 30, 1992 the partnership made a profit, none of which was allocated to the taxpayer.

The taxpayer's claim for loss relief under section 381 of the 1988 Act for the year 1990-91 was allowed in the sum of £11,439, the apportioned amount of loss in the first year's trading. His claim for the relief for the year 1991-92 for the remaining amount of loss of £842 was refused.

Section 381 of the 1988 Act provides: "(1) Where an individual carrying on a trade sustains a loss in the trade in — (a) the year of assessment in which it is first carried on by him, or (b) any of the next three years of assessment; he may ... make a claim for relief under this section.

"(2) ... relief shall be given ... from income tax on an amount of the claimant's income equal to the *amount of the loss, being income* for the three years of assessment last preceding that in which the loss is sustained, taking income for an earlier year before income for a later year."

Mr Giles Goodfellow for the taxpayer: Mr Michael Furness for the Crown

MR JUSTICE LINDSAY said that the appeal was concerned with a taxation of partnership income in the light of a loss having been suffered and in the circumstances, that part of that loss, if the Crown was right, could not be applied to relieve earlier profits, although the Crown accepted that such part might be carried forward to a later year. The issue turned on the construction of section 381(1) of the 1988 Act.

Mr Furness argued that the *words "a loss in the trade in ... the* year of of assessment in which it is first carried on by him" meant exactly what it said. One had, he said, to look to the very year of assessment ending April 5 next after the date when the claimant first carried on the trade.

The process, it was said, was a simple one: the first question was whether there was a loss in that year of assessment. If there was, what then was the amount of that loss? Mr Furness said the answer, on the apportioned basis, was £11,439.

That argument succeeded before the commissioner. It had the great merit that arrived at an ordinary and natural meaning of the words "in ... the year of assessment" in section 381(1).

Mr Goodfellow directed his thoughtful argument to showing *alleged conflicts and anomalies* which arose, he said, on the Crown's construction and to providing reasons why the taxpayer's construction should be preferred.

That construction was that "in the year of assessment" was to be read as "in the accounting period by reference to which the income of the trade for the year of assessment in question was assessed".

However, the commissioner stated that he had come to the clear conclusion that losses under section 381 were to be computed for the actual year, meaning the actual year of assessment in which they were sustained. He was correct and the taxpayer's appeal fell to be dismissed.

Solicitors: McKinnell Ervin & Mitchell, Leicester; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Bank did not discriminate

Barry v Midland Bank plc

Before Lord Justice Mummery, Mr R. Straker and Mr A. Tuffin

[Judgment October 3]

A woman bank clerk who had worked for 11 years full-time and then following the birth of her *child, two years part-time, before* taking voluntary severance, was not unlawfully discriminated against on the ground of her sex in relation to the calculation of severance pay based soley on her part-time salary as at the date of severance.

The Employment Appeal Tri*bunal so held when dismissing an* appeal by Mrs Jacqueline Barry from an industrial tribunal sitting at London (South) in June 1995, that she had been discriminated against by her employers, Midland Bank plc.

Ms Cherie Booth, QC and Mr Clive Lewis for the applicant; Mr *Patrick Elias, QC and Ms Sue* Ashtiany, solicitor, for the bank.

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY said that it was a test case on a general principle which might affect not only others under the bank's severance scheme but also many employees under similar severance schemes as well as the *statutory redundancy scheme.*

The applicant had contended that by calculating her redundancy payment in the way they did the bank had indirectly discriminated against her in that they applied to *her the condition that she had to be* working full-time at the date of the termination of her employment in *order to avoid her redundancy* payment being calculated as if all her years of service were years of part-time service and that that had resulted in her redundancy payment being less than that of a man who was able to comply with that condition.

She alleged contravention of section 6(2) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, of her contract, as modified by the equality clause deemed to be included by virtue of section 1 of the Equal Pay Act 1970, and of article 119 of the EC Treaty.

She contended that the bank were unable to justify the discriminatory condition or to establish that the variation between the effect of her contract on her and of the contract of a full-time man on him, was genuinely due to a material factor irrespective of sex.

The issues were whether the tribunal had erred in law in holding that there was no indirect discrimination on the ground of sex contrary to article 119; that the practice complained of did not fall within the scope of section 1(1) of the 1970 Act; that the indirect discrimination was not objectively justifiable and that any difference in the treatment of persons in the position of the applicant was due to a genuine material factor other than the difference of sex.

It was common ground that the applicant's payment was made in accordance with the security of employment agreement, a collective agreement concluded between the bank and the union; that the 1995 Act was irrelevant; that article 119 was directly effective in tribunals as between individuals; that the reference to "pay" in article 119 included voluntary severance payments; that article 119 prohibited indirect discrimination on the ground of sex when a provision in a collective agreement *had a disproportionate adverse* impact on women and that in the case of incompatibility between the statutory provisions and article 119, the tribunal had to give effect to the primacy of the provisions of Community law.

The decision in *R v Secretary of State for Employment, Ex parte Equal Opportunities Commission* ([1992] ICR 341 (DC); ([1993] ICR 251 (CA)) set the scene.

The first issue in that case was not relevant to the issues in the present case. The relevant application was an unsuccessful attack by the Equal Opportunities Commission on the method of calculat*ing statutory redundancy pay in* cases where the individual worked full-time, before becoming employed part-time and was employed part-time at the date of redundancy.

In that case the Divisional Court decided that there was no infringement of article 119 despite the fact that *more* women than *men* were affected by the changes from full-time to part-time employment. The decision of the Divisional Court was not overruled by the Court of Appeal. The importance of that case was that there was an unsuccessful challenge to the statutory redundancy scheme on which the bank's scheme was broadly based. The legal position of the statutory redundancy scheme re*mained as decided by the Di*visional Court.

The industrial tribunal was legally correct in dismissing the application in the present case.

Although the applicant's claim was multi-pronged it could only be a claim under the 1970 Act. The 1975 Act was not concerned with *discrimination in the matter of* pay.

There was no free-standing claim for breach of article 119. The voluntary severance payments were made as a contractual payment under her contract of employment.

The critical question was *whether the relevant terms of the* applicant's contract were less favourable than the terms of a similar kind in the contract of a male comparator.

The answer was "No" for the following reasons:

The scheme as a whole did not treat a woman such as the applicant less *favourably than a man* in her situation. Similarly she would have had no complaint under the 1970 Act if she had been a part-time worker who became a full-time worker before opting for redundancy. As with the statutory scheme the bank's scheme was not formulated so as to treat either women less favourably than men or part-time workers less favourably than full-time workers.

The essence of the applicant's complaint was that the bank should have constructed the scheme to include rules which would ensure that payments for voluntary severance mirrored more precisely the nature of past service rendered by employees before redundancy.

The essential point was that the rules of the scheme were not in themselves discriminatory and had not been applied to the applicant in a discriminatory way. The appeal would be dismissed on the discrimination point.

If there was a variation between the applicant's contract and that of a *male comparator, the appeal* tribunal agreed with the industrial tribunal that the difference was due to a material factor not based on sex within the meaning of section 1(3) of the 1970 Act, administrative convenience, plus the intention to cushion employees against the loss of their work, particularly older, long serving employees.

Solicitors: Lawford & Co, Richmond; Cole & Cole, Oxford.

Devisee can make land contract

Wu Koon Tai and Another v *Wu Yau Loi*

A devisee of land comprised in an unadministered estate could enter into a binding contract to sell that land.

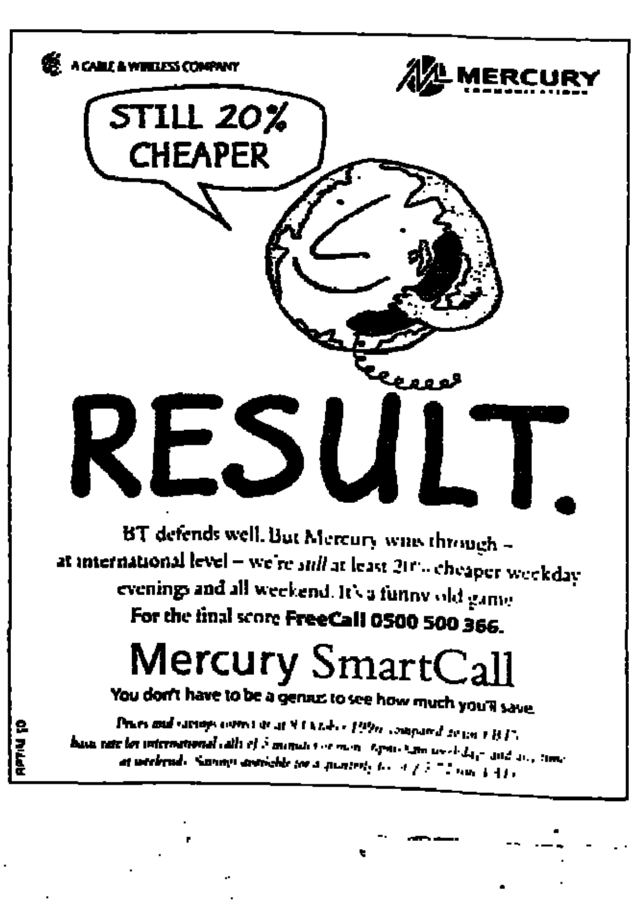
The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Cooke of Thorndon and Sir Ralph Gibson) so held on October 10, in allowing an appeal by the appellants, Wu Koon Tai and Wu Koon Lun, from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong.

That court had allowed an appeal by the respondent, Wu Yau Loi, from the judgment in the District Court of Hong Kong by Judge Wong, who had upheld the appellants' claim to be entitled to certain land and had ordered the respondent to vest that land in them.

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON said that it was the principle of English law that, while the estate of a deceased person was in course of administration, no beneficiary under the will or intestacy had any beneficial interest in any specific asset of that estate: he had only a right to have the estate duly administered: *Lord Sudeley v Attorney-General* ([1897] AC 11).

Until completion of the administration and the vesting of the property in the devisee, the devisee could not convey the land in specie. But their Lordships were referred to no authority to suggest that such devisee could not validly contract *to sell the land at a time when his* interest was a mere chose in action or expectancy.

Their Lordships could see no distinction in principle between such a contract and a contract for value to assign a future chose in action. As and from the date when the chose in action came into existence, the contract became specifically enforceable.



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RUGBY LEAGUE: GREAT BRITAIN FORWARD PINS FAITH ON RISING STARS

Betts sets out with record in sight

FROM CHRISTOPHER IRVINE IN PALMERSTON NORTH, NEW ZEALAND

DENIS BETTS, only 27 but the elder statesman of the pack, is two games away in his adopted New Zealand homeland from equalling Cliff Watson's record for Great Britain appearances as a forward. Thirty was the figure Betts had his sights on at the outset of his international career six years ago, a goal that will need revising after the tour winds up in Christchurch next Friday.

"If you take four England matches as well, I'm already past 30," he said. "Hopefully, I'll play as many times as I can, provided they pick me. If they don't, then it'll be time to retire." Not that he is contemplating such action just yet. He has another year at Auckland Warriors and a further two on his Australasian Super League contract before an intended swansong back in England.

Andrew Farrell, Britain's youngest captain, Paul Sculthorpe and Adrian Morley, Betts's back-row teammates, are all more youthful than when he first toured. The generation that emerged from the visit to Papua New Guinea and New Zealand in 1990 equipped the Britain side impressively for several years. If there is a difference, it is that today's talent is better still, according to Betts.

"The circumstances are similar," he said. "In 1990, no one gave us a hope in hell. The midweek side lost all but one game, but we pulled out a series win against the Kiwis. Myself, Phil Clarke and Daryl Powell came up from the tour, but the youngsters today have even more. Even if this tour isn't a success, it's giving these blokes a grounding to face Australia at home next year and the 1998 World Cup. This side can only improve."

If Britain lose the second match in Palmerston North this morning, sealing a series victory for New Zealand, it will be because much of the experience Britain does possess is either injured or otherwise temporarily occupied in rugby union. Even so, Betts is far from discouraged at the playing side. It is off the field that his criticisms are directed. He is particularly upset that nine players — in addition to two injured players — should be sent home in mid-tour to reduce costs.

He said: "Why are we on tour when plainly the Rugby Football League can't afford it? It's bad man-management to fly 32 blokes and an Academy side halfway round the world, not give them proper funding, and then send half the side home halfway through.

"The New Zealand Rugby League has failed to promote the series and the tour's running at a loss. I expected this tour to be the best organised and it's the worst."

The organisational dithering was not improved when Keith Senior, the Sheffield Eagles centre who was among those to be sent home, was suddenly re-instated.

All this contrasts with the slick operation of the Warriors, all the trappings of success and a high profile for the English anti-hero of this tour. Betts calls New Zealand his "oil rig", an off-shore workplace. Appealing though it is, home remains England and he still gets pangs watching Wigan, his former club.

Betts and Clarke left Central Park for the Australasian Premiership 20 months ago because success at Wigan had become routine, but in an Auckland side that struggled badly last season, Betts reacquainted himself with the pain of losing. For Clarke, the pain was real, a broken neck in a playing accident has almost certainly ended an outstanding career at 25.

"Like Phil, in England I'd hit a plateau," Betts said. "Then, something like this happens to him, and you just think, I've been lucky. The opportunities presented by the Super League and the World Club Series next year are encouraging. But for me, I can't wait to return home and face the likes of Wigan with Auckland."

Betts believes the young Britain side can only improve

RUGBY UNION

Underwood dropped by Leicester

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RORY UNDERWOOD has been dropped by Leicester for the first time in his career — a month after being dropped by England. The nation's most-capped player and leading try-scorer has been replaced on the wing by Leon Lloyd for the Heineken Cup meeting with Pau on Saturday.

The move comes after Bob Dwyer, the Leicester coach, decided that Underwood's duties as an RAF pilot were affecting his rugby performances. "I am not happy about it, but I'd like to see an England and Lions winger play like an England and Lions winger," Dwyer said.

"For reasons outside his control, Rory is missing a lot of the work we are doing. The fact of the matter is that Leon is playing consistently better."

The leading players in England will be available to play in this season's international matches despite the breakdown of talks between the Rugby Football Union and first and second division clubs. The English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) announced yesterday that its players would be available for the first international, against Italy, on November 23.

Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, also said there was no intention of breaking away from the RFU but, as a protest, players will not be released for the series of divisional matches against touring teams over the next two months.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Becker serves notice of vintage form

BORIS BECKER, the No 6 seed from Germany, produced some vintage serving — including winning his first 14 service points — to beat Thomas Enqvist, the world No 12 from Sweden, 6-4, 7-5 to reach the quarter-finals of the Eurocard Open tennis tournament in Stuttgart yesterday.

"My tactics were clear — play my game from the start," Becker said. "I think I did that extremely well."

Andre Agassi, of the United States, joined Becker in the last eight by beating Richie Reneberg, his Davis Cup teammate, 6-4, 6-2 in just 59 minutes but Richard Krajicek, the Wimbledon champion, from Holland, was beaten 6-4, 6-1 by Marcelo Ris, the No 10 seed from Chile.

Scottish hopes high

HOCKEY: Scotland go into their semi-final against New Zealand in the preliminary round of the women's World Cup with considerable confidence tonight. They turned in a near-flawless performance to defeat South Africa 3-2 in their group match in Port of Spain, Trinidad, on Wednesday.

New Zealand's hopes hinge largely on the form of Anna Lawrence, the captain, who is the tournament's leading scorer with ten goals.

Llanelli capture

RUGBY UNION: Llanelli have signed Fata Sini, the 26-year-old Salford rugby league winger. The Western Samoan is returning to his first code after only 14 months with Salford, who will not receive a transfer fee. Sini scored two tries for Western Samoa in their World Cup defeat by England in South Africa last year.

Gareth Taylor, the Neath flanker, is to join Newport, who are struggling in the Welsh first division.

Marsh to take charge

CRICKET: Steve Marsh, who succeeded Alan Knott as Kent wicketkeeper in 1986, is expected to be appointed captain of the club today (Ivo Tennant writes). He has been nominated by the cricket committee, which met under the chairmanship of Derek Ufton on Wednesday. Marsh will succeed Mark Benson, who has not been retained by Kent after injury.

☐ England are listed third from bottom in a new world Test ranking compiled by Wisden, based on results since 1990.

CRICKET: PAKISTAN DOMINATE HISTORIC DAY IN FAISALABAD

Zimbabwe swept aside by Wasim

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WASIM AKRAM, the Pakistan captain, continued as the scourge of Zimbabwe yesterday, taking six for 48 as they were dismissed for 133 on the opening day of the second and final Test in Faisalabad.

The Lancashire all-rounder, who hit an unbeaten 257 in the drawn first Test last week, captured three wickets in both morning and afternoon sessions after he had lost the toss. It was the 21st occasion he had taken five or more wickets in an innings for his country.

Although Zimbabwe hit back well after tea, Matambanabzo marking his debut with the wicket of Aamir Sohail and Mbangwa getting rid of Ijaz Ahmed so that Pakistan were ten for two, Saeed Anwar stood firm.

He was 69 not out when Pakistan closed at 114 for three. His partnership with 14-year-old Hassan Raza is so far worth 47. The schoolboy, who seemed unfazed by becoming the youngest Test cricketer, survived a leg-before appeal before getting off the mark with a four and moved confidently to 20 not out, hitting four boundaries.

Andrew Flower, with a fighting 61, did his best to keep the Pakistan bowlers at bay but lacked support as he tried to fashion a recovery from 55 for five.

He was last out, top-edging Shahid Nazir to another Test newcomer, Mohammad Hussain, who had earlier captured the wicket of Paul Strang.

ZIMBABWE: First Innings

G W Flower b Wasim	15
M H Dekker c Moin b Wasim	19
C B Wishart lbw Waqar	0
D L Houghton b Wasim	1
*A Campbell c Moin b Saqlain	9
†A Flower c Mohammad Hussain b Shahid	61
G J Whittal b Wasim	9
P A Strang c Salim b Mohammad Hussain	3
B C Strang b Wasim	1
M Mbangwa b Wasim	0
E Matambanabzo not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 10, nb 1)	15
Total:	133

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-33, 3-34, 4-49, 5-55, 6-102, 7-111, 8-118, 9-129, 10-133.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 20-8-48-6; Waqar Younis 11-6-13-1; Saqlain Mushtaq 15-5-28-1; Shahid Nazir 5.5-0-23-1; Mohammad Hussain 6-3-7-1.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Saeed Anwar not out	69
Aamir Sohail lbw b Matambanabzo	2
Ijaz Ahmed c A Flower b Mbangwa	2
Salim Malik c A Flower b B Strang	18
Hasan Raza not out	20
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (3wkts)	114

†Moin Khan, *Wasim Akram, Saqlain Mushtaq, Mohammad Hussain, Waqar Younis and Shahid Nazir to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-10, 3-67

BOWLING: Matambanabzo 6-0-29-1; Mbangwa 10-1-41-1; B Strang 7-2-13-1; G Whittal 2-1-3-0; P Strang 6-1-25-0.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES: New York 10 Atlanta 8 (10 innings; seven-game series tied 2-2).

BOXING

HALIFAX: Commonwealth super-middleweight championship: Henry Wharton (York) bt Rick Thornberry (Aus) rtd 5th. Welterweight (6rnds) Derek Roche (Leeds) bt Paul Miles (Walton) rtd 2nd (8rnds): Spencer McCracken (Birmingham) bt Shaun Stokes (Doncaster) pts. Bantamweight (6rnds): Noel Wilders (Castleford) bt Jason Thomas (Merthyr) pts (6rnds): Jason Whitaker (Halifax) bt Chris Thomas (Merthyr) pts. Lightweight (6rnds): Byron Price (Gwent) bt Fred Reeve (Hull) rtd 1st. Middleweight (6rnds): Ron Hopley (Ripon) bt Roy Chipperfield (Bury) pts.

CYCLING

SOUTH AFRICA: Boland Bank Tour: Fourth stage (152km): 1, R Kemna (Holl) 4hr 8min 59sec, 2, M McKay (GB); 3, A Wolhuter (SA) both same time. Overall positions: 1, K Loubser (SA) 10hr 25min 45sec; 2, A Wolhuter (SA) at 41sec; 3, R Kemna (Holl) same time. 9, M McKay (GB) 10min 36sec

FOOTBALL

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: First-round draw: Northern section: Scarborough v Notts County; Chesterfield v Preston; Carlisle v Rochdale, Doncaster v Stockport; Bury v Darlington, Hartlepool v Burnley, Rotherham v Blackpool, Hull v Chester. Byes: Crewe, Lincoln, Mansfield, Scunthorpe, Shrewsbury, Wigan, Wrexham and York. Southern section: Bristol Rovers v Brentford; Cambridge Utd v Colchester; Brighton v Fulham. Hereford v Millwall; Gillingham v Cardiff, Luton v Leyton Orient; Swansea v Wycombe, Plymouth v Bournemouth. Byes: Barnet, Bristol City, Exeter, Northampton, Peterborough, Torquay, Walsall and Watford.

☐ Ties to be played during week commencing December 9

SUPERCOPA: Quarter-finals, second leg: Olimpia (Para) 0 Velez Sarsfield (Arg) 1 (Velez win 4-0 on agg). Nacional (Col) 3 Santos (Br) 1 (3-3 on agg; Santos win 7-6 on pens). Cruzeiro (Br) 1 Boca Juniors (Arg) 1 (1-1 on agg. Cruzeiro win 7-6 on pens).

GOLF

EUROPEAN TOUR PRE-QUALIFYING SCHOOL: Leading second-round scores: Emporda: 134: C Clark (Ire) 66, 68. 136: F Clark (Scot) 71, 65. 137: * R Gonzalez (Sp) 66, 71. 138: W Bennett (Eng) 70, 68; A Wall (Eng) 68, 70. 139: R Guillard (Fr) 71, 68; C Havstadius (Swe) 70, 69; F Lundgren (Swe) 69, 70. Pals: 142: B Marchbank (Scot) 67, 75; E Bout (NZ) 71, 71; M Persson (Swe) 71, 71. 143: A Clapp (Eng) 71, 72; A Gilner (Swe) 70, 73. 144: A Crampton (Eng) 72, 72; R Fulford (Eng) 70, 74; I Poulter (Eng) 76, 68. 145: A Murdoch (Scot) 72, 73; J Jiménez (Sp) 74, 71; J Robinson (Eng) 73, 72; G Hamerton (Eng) 73, 72. Panoramica: 139: P Parkin (Wales) 70, 69; M Sholz (SA) 68, 71; A McKenzie (Eng) 70, 69; D R Jones (Eng) 65, 74. Peralada: 138: P Nyberg (Swe) 66, 72. 140: J M Kula (Fr) 70, 70; J Gronhagen (Swe) 72, 68; C Bovet (Switz) 66, 74; L Navarro (Sp) 70, 70. 141: S Callen (Scot) 70, 71; J Rosillo (Sp) 70, 71; L Carbonetti (Arg) 72, 69. St Cyprien: 138: M Grankvist (Swe) 70, 68; J Axgren (Swe) 68, 70. 139: D Dunakey (US) 69, 70; J Murray (Ire) 71, 68. 140: G Sherry (Scot) 68, 72. 141: M Dieu (Fr) 72, 69; M Ure (Eng) 71, 70. 142: L James (Eng) 74, 68, E Dussart (Fr) 72, 70; O Edmond (Fr) 71, 71; T Levet (Fr) 70, 72. * denotes amateur.

BRISBANE: Tournament Players' championship: Leading first-round scores (Australia unless stated): 65: C Spence, J J West (US). 67: S Laycock, J Cooper. 68: S Tait. 69: R Backwell, D Bouter (Hk), E Rustad (US), S Leaney, T Christie (NZ). 70: C Jones, P Teravainen (US), A Painter, B Hughes, R Pampling. 71: B Forrester, M Ecob, M Wheelhouse (NZ), S Appleby, G Chalmers, B Jackson (GB), G Coles, S Alker (NZ), M Long (NZ), G Veanng (NZ), J-L Guepy (Fr), D Brandson, J Kernohan (UA), Eng Chong Poh (Sing). 72: S Barr, W Dodd, P Lonard, M Allen, S Taylor (US), P Foley, F Quinn (US), T Power, R Lee (NZ), D Barnes, M Lott, M Peterson, B Officer, R Swanson, A Atwel (India), D Cole, D McKenzie, H Buhmann (SA), P Davenport (NZ), A Henwood. Other scores: 73: W Grady. 75: S Yates (GB). 77: A Rogers (GB). 81: C Richardson (GB)

HOCKEY

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad: Women's World Cup: Preliminary round: Group A: Belgium 4 France 2; India 5 Trinidad and Tobago 1; Italy 5 Jamaica 0; Scotland 3 South Africa 2. Group positions: 1, India 12pts; 2, Scotland 10; 3, South Africa 10; 4, Italy 6; 5, Jamaica 3; 6, Trinidad and Tobago 1. Group B: Czech Republic 1 New Zealand 5. Group positions: 1, New Zealand 12; 2, Japan 9; 3, Belgium 7, 4, Czech Republic 4, 5, France 3; 6, Cuba 0

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 4 Dallas 1; Florida 5 Ottawa 2; Washington 3 NY Rangers 2; Colorado 4 Vancouver 1.

SUPERLEAGUE: Sheffield 4 Newcastle 1

PREMIER LEAGUE: Guildford 10 Peterborough 0.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Italy 18 Australia 40 (in Padua)

SRU UNDER-21 INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: Glasgow 23 Scottish Exiles 23, South of Scotland 30 North and Mid Scotland 27

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Chichester HS 8 Worth 17; King's, Taunton 22 Gresham's 0

SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH INTERNATIONAL CENTRE: Grand Prix: Quarter-finals: M Bennett (Wales) bt T Drago (Malta) 5-1

SPEEDWAY

NORTHERN THREE-TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Hull 31 Middlesbrough 27 Bradford 26.

TABLE TENNIS

NIMES: Men's World Cup: Group A: Kong Linghui (China) bt P Chila (Fr) 21-18, 16-21, 21-17. J-O Waldner (Swe) bt H Hoyama (Br) 17-21, 21-13, 21-17. Group B: Liu Guoliang (China) bt Zo Primorac (Cro) 19-21, 22-20, 21-12. V Samsonov (Bela) bt P Jackson (NZ) 21-10, 21-13. Group C: J-M Saive (Bel) bt J Persson (Swe) 21-17, 21-23, 21-14; Ding Song (China) bt C Yinghua (US) 21-6, 21-13

TENNIS

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: Second round: A Agassi (US) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 6-1, 7-6; M Rios (Chile) bt S Lareau (Can) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4; T Enqvist (Swe) bt N Kiefer (Ger) 6-4, 6-4; T Martin (US) bt M Stich (Ger) 7-6, 7-5. Third round: M Gustafsson (Swe) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-7, 6-2, 7-6; B Becker (Ger) bt Enqvist 6-4, 7-5; Agassi bt R Reneberg (US) 6-4, 6-3. Rios bt R Krajicek (Holl) 6-4, 6-1, J Siemerink (Holl) bt R Furlan (It) 6-4, 6-4; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt Martin 6-2, 6-4

LUXEMBOURG: Women's tournament: First round: A Huber (Ger) bt B Rittner (Ger) 6-3, 6-4; P Schnyder (Switz) bt D van Roost (Bel) 6-1, 7-5. Second round: S Appelmans (Bel) bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-1, 6-1; B Paulus (Austria) bt K Boogert (Holl) 6-1, 6-4; K Habsudova (Slovakia) wo N Medvedeva (Ukr); N Zvereva (Bela) bt J Wiesner (Austria) 6-4, 6-2

QUEBEC: Women's tournament: First round: B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt S De Ville (Bel) 7-6, 6-2. Second round: E Callens (Bel) bt A Frazier (US) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. L Raymond (US) bt D Graham (U) 7-5, 6-2; F Labat (Arg) bt P Hy-Boulais (Can) 7-5, 6-3; N Arendt (US) bt R Simpson (Can) 6-0, 6-7, 6-4; T Whitlinger-Jones (US) bt J Nejedly (Can) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4

TAUNTON: LTA Reebok Tour: Tableaux Finale: Men: D Sapsford bt J Monk 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; D Ward bt D Stuk 6-2, 6-2; A Parmar bt N Watts 6-2, 6-3, P Hand bt M Powell 6-1, 6-0; M Coombs bt D Draper 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; G Saltery bt A Burgoyne 6-1, 6-0; A Foster bt R Hanger 6-3, 6-1. Women: L Latimer bt R Vidats 7-5, 6-4; E Jelfs bt J Keene 6-2, 6-3; S-A Siddall bt H Richardson 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; L Ahl bt T Callow 6-4, 6-1; J Choudhury bt J Wood 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; L Woodroffe bt L Perkins 6-0, 6-4; K Cross bt V Davies 7-6, 7-5.

WINDSURFING

SCHEVENINGEN: World championships: Final overall positions: Men: 1, B Dunkerbeck (Sp); 2, P Belbeoc'h (Fr); 3, A Bringdal (Swe). Women: 1, N LeLievre (Fr); 2, J Müller (Ger), 3, K Jeggi (Switz)

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Nationwide League

First division

Barnsley v Bolton (7.45)

Third division

Cambridge Utd v Doncaster (7.45)

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: St Patrick's Ath v Bray (7.45); Shelbourne v Derry (7.45)

BASKETBALL

7UP Trophy: Manchester v Derby (7.0); Newcastle v Sheffield (7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

International matches

New Zealand v Great Britain (at Palmerston North, 7.30am)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Leigh Miners v Mayfield (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Grand Prix (in Bournemouth).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Belle Vue v Poole (7.30); Peterborough v Bradford (7.30). Conference League: Howdy Byford Memorial Handicap Chase (at Arena Essex, 8.0).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In all today's examples you are leading a suit that your partner has bid. In a recent refresher I mentioned that from three to an honour in partner's suit you should always lead low rather than the honour. Here are a couple of examples to show you why. Consider these two possible layouts:

(i)
72
J65 Q9843
AK10

(ii)
72
Q65 K10943
AJ8

In layout (i), if you lead the jack, declarer will win the king. If your partner gets in and continues the suit, declarer will play the ten, thus making three tricks in the suit. If you lead the five declarer will win partner's queen with his king. Then if your partner gets in and continues the suit, you will be able to beat declarer's ten with your jack. Declarer will make only two tricks.

In layout (ii), if you lead the queen, declarer will make two tricks in the suit. If you lead the five, declarer will win your partner's king with his ace. When partner gets in and continues with the ten, you will be able to beat declarer's jack with your queen and restrict declarer to one winner.

Against a suit contract similar positions can occur but in addition it may be important for partner to be able to distinguish between your holding two or three cards in his suit. Consider these layouts:

(iii)
K102
Q6 AJ943
875

(iv)
K102
Q65 AJ943
87

In layout (iii), you lead the queen which declarer covers with the king and East wins with the ace. East now knows that he can cash the jack and give you a ruff. It may be important to do this before declarer discards a loser on a long suit elsewhere. If you were also to lead the queen on layout (iv), this defence would be disastrous. All East would succeed in doing would be to set up the ten as a trick for declarer. If you make the correct lead of the five, declarer will play the ten and East the jack. When that holds East knows that you started with Q65.

The time when it is sometimes right to lead the honour is when you think that declarer has a singleton in partner's suit. Consider this layout:

(v)
K763
Q82 A10954
J

If you lead the two declarer will surely play low from dummy, not expecting you to lead from an ace at trick one. Your partner will have to play his ace and declarer's king will be set up. If, on the other hand, you lead the queen, partner's ace will be used to kill declarer's king.

☐ At the halfway stage of the Olympiad in Rhodes, the men's British Open team is lying seventh in its qualifying group after two victories, one defeat and a draw. The women's team is lying fifth, with wins over San Marino (22-8) and Pakistan (25-4).

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Guernsey Festival

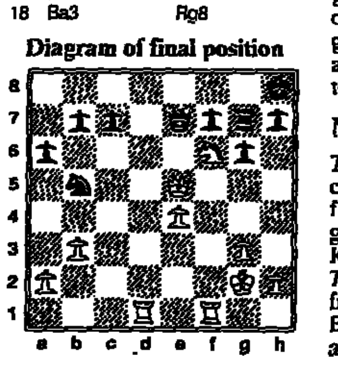
After three rounds of the Barings Guernsey International Chess Festival Kevin Thurlow, John Quinn and Anthony Corkett share the lead on 3 points with Denis Paillard, of France. In hot pursuit are the grandmaster, Bogdan Lalic, and the former British champion, Robert Bellin, on 2.5 points.

White: K Thurlow
Black: G Buckley
Barings Guernsey International Chess Festival, October 1996

King's Indian Defence

1	c4	Nf6
2	Nc3	g6
3	d4	Bg7
4	g3	0-0
5	Bg2	d6
6	e3	Nc6
7	Nge2	e5
8	0-0	Bd7
9	b3	Qc8
10	Bb2	Bh3
11	Nd5	Ne8
12	dxe5	Bxg2
13	Kxg2	Kh8
14	Qd2	dxe5
15	Rad1	Qf5
16	f3	Rd8
17	e4	Qe6
18	Ba3	Rg8
19	Qe3	a6
20	Bb2	Rd7
21	f4	Nd6
22	fxe5	Nxe5
23	Nef4	Qe8
24	c5	Ng4
25	Bxg7+	Rxg7
26	Qf3	Ne5
27	Qe3	Ng4
28	Qf3	Ne5
29	Qe2	Nb5
30	Nf6	Qe7
31	N4d5	Qxc5
32	Qb2	Re7
33	Nxe7	Qxe7
34	Qxe5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



After 34 ... Qxe5 35 Rd8+ mates.

Coulsdon

After four rounds of the Coulsdon International Master tournament Johan Van Mil has consolidated his lead, having drawn in round four to reach 3.5 points. Sebastien Luce and Tim Wall have 2.5.

Wrexham

The Owens Corning grandmaster tournament in Wrexham sees the British champion, Chris Ward, still in the lead with just one round to play. Ward has 6 points followed by the Welsh grandmaster, Nigel Davies, on 5.5 and the Hungarian grandmaster, Istvan Csom, and British international master, Andrew Martin, on 5.

New Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B.T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99+p&p).

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PROODE
a. A hypocrite
b. A preliminary ode
c. To sweep a chimney

ROMBOWLINE
a. Old rope
b. A sailors' hornpipe
c. Fish stew

PRAMNIAN
a. An Ionic tribe
b. Equally balanced
c. Wine

QUIRT
a. A sneak
b. The young badger
c. A whip

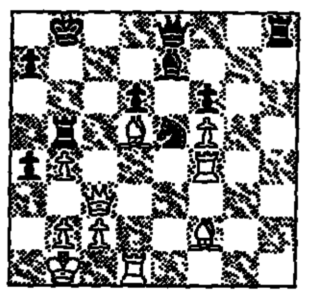
Answers on page 46

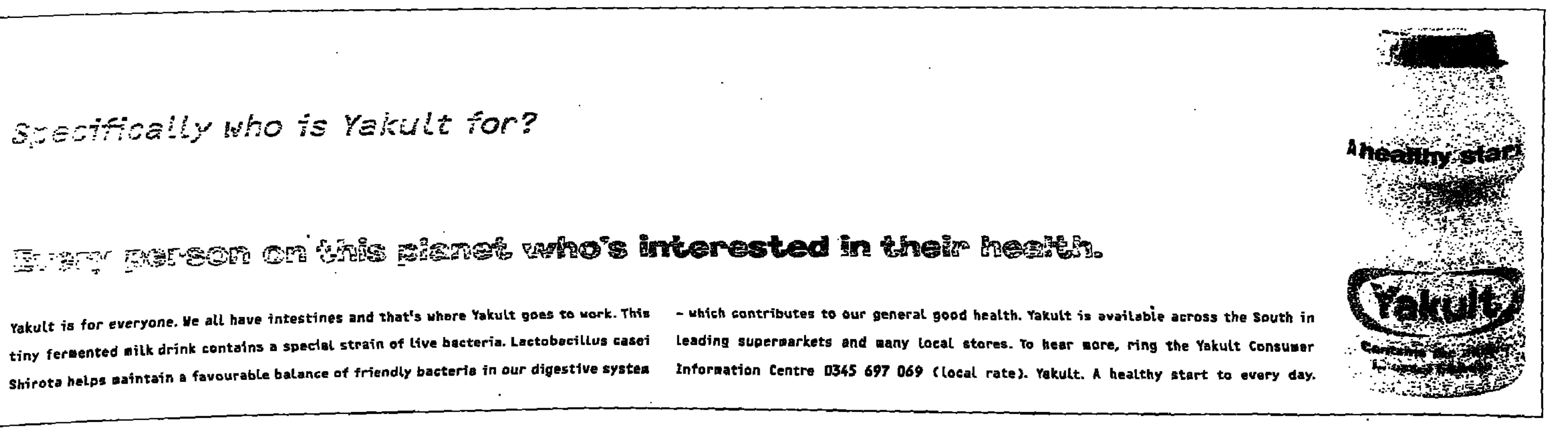
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game *Pankratov — Biktachiev, Tashkent 1983.* Both players have a very well placed minor piece: Black has his knight on e5 while White has his bishop on d5. How did White prove that his was the more relevant to the position?

Solution on page 46





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FOOTBALL

North East derby highlights draw as cup field narrows

By Russell Kempson

PASSIONS in the North East will run high on November 27, when Middlesbrough face Newcastle United in the Coca-Cola Cup fourth round at the *Riverside Stadium. Although* the match has been chosen for live screening on television, tickets for the resumption of Tyne-Tees hostilities will nonetheless be scarce.

Newcastle will be missing Alan Shearer, as he recuperates after groin surgery, while Middlesbrough could be without Nicky Barmby. Speculation over his future at the club continued yesterday, after he was left out of the side's 5-1 third-round victory against Huddersfield Town on Wednesday night.

Middlesbrough barely missed him, with Fabrizio *Ravanelli, the Italy striker,* scoring twice and taking his Coca-Cola Cup tally to six goals in two matches. Including his efforts in the FA Carling Premiership this season, he has amassed 13 goals in 12 games.

There are still 22 clubs in what is the last 16 of the competition, because of six replays, with Liverpool lined up to take on Arsenal at Anfield if the pair can dispose of Charlton Athletic and Stoke *City, respectively.*

For Martin O'Neill, the Leicester City manager, there are no ifs or buts. Leicester landed the plum tie, with a visit from Manchester United to Filbert Street on November 27. Three days later, they travel to Old Trafford for an FA Carling Premiership fixture.

O'Neill said: "I was listening to the draw, knew the numbers on the balls and then knew there were only two clubs left in it, us and United. If we could not get one of the so-called minnows, we might as well get the very best. It's a guaranteed full house and a great tie for the supporters."

Stockport County, one of three Nationwide League second division clubs remaining in the competition, travel to West Ham United, while Lincoln City, the sole representatives from the third division, have an away tie at Port Vale or Oxford United if they can overcome Southampton in a replay at Sincil Bank. Aston Villa, the holders, will meet Wimbledon or Luton Town.

Ron Atkinson and Gordon Strachan, the Coventry City manager and his assistant, were yesterday fined by an FA commission for incidents during a match on August 29. Strachan was fined £2,000 *and ordered to pay part of the* hearing's costs for refusing to leave the field after he had been sent off by Tony Green, the referee, during Coventry's reserve game with West Bromwich Albion. Atkinson was fined £750 and ordered to pay part of the hearing's costs for comments made to Green after he had halted the game when Strachan refused to accept his dismissal.

Dave Bassett, the Crystal Palace manager, yesterday signed Neil Shipperley, the Southampton striker, on a four-year contract for £1 million, subject to a medical examination. He is expected to make his debut against Grimsby Town tomorrow.

FOURTH ROUND

Charlton Athletic or Liverpool v Stoke City or Arsenal
West Ham United v Stockport County
Ipswich Town v Gillingham or Coventry City
Bolton Wanderers v Tottenham Hotspur
Middlesbrough v Newcastle United
Wimbledon or Luton Town v Aston Villa
Port Vale or Oxford United v Southampton or Lincoln City
Leicester City v Manchester United

☐ *Ties to be played on Nov 26 or 27*

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

COCA-COLA CUP: *Third round.* Charlton Athletic 1 Liverpool 1, Leeds United 1 Aston Villa 2; Manchester United 2 Swindon Town 1, Middlesbrough 5 Huddersfield Town 1, Newcastle United 1 Oldham Athletic 0; Southampton 2 Lincoln City 2, Stoke City 1 Arsenal 1, Tottenham Hotspur 2 Sunderland 1; West Ham United 4 Nottingham Forest 1

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final. Heart of Midlothian 3 Dundee 1 (at Easter Road)

WORLD CUP: European qualifying: Group six: Slovakia 3 Faeroe Islands 0 (in Bratislava)

FA UMBRO TROPHY: First qualifying round replay: St Leonards Stamcroft 4 Gravesend and Northfleet 3

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland 0 Emley 1, Knowsley 0 Barrow 3. First division: Bradford Park Avenue 0 Lincoln United 1

ICIS LEAGUE: Third division: Lewes 2 Harlow Town 2

PONTINS LEAGUE: Premier division: Birmingham 1 Bolton 1. First division: Leicester 4 Port Vale 0; West Bromwich 2 Notts County 0. Second division: Burnley 0 Stockport 1; Shrewsbury 4 Mansfield 2, Wrexham 5 York 0. Third division: Darlington 1 Walsall 4; Rochdale 1 Wigan 0; Scarborough 2 Chester 0

DR MARTENS CUP: First round, first leg: Corby Town 2 Grantham Town 1

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Lye 4 Stafford 0

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Meir KA 1 Coleshill 1

LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: First round, second leg: Aberystwyth 3 Cwmbran 1 (6-6 on agg, Aberystwyth win on away goals); *Conwy 2 Porthmadog 1 (5-5 on agg, Conwy win on away goals).*

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 0 Taunton 3; Backwell 1 Chippenham 0, Calne 3 Bridgwater 1, Tiverton 6 Chard 1

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers *premier division Cup:* Bedford United 1 Potters Bar 0.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Second round: Blidworth Welfare 0 Louth Utd 3, Brigg Town 2 Brodsworth MW 0; Eccleshill Utd 2 Garforth Town 0, Harrogate RA 0 Thackley 3; Sheffield 5 Ossett Albion 2, Worsbrough Bridge 0 Ossett Town 2

FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying round: Cambridge 3 Wivenhoe 1; Wembley 2 Hillingdon 3, Aveley 3 Royston 0, Gornal 1 Bromsgrove 2.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Feyenoord 1 AZ Alkmaar 0; Heerenveen 0 PSV Eindhoven 1; Sparta Rotterdam 0 Volendam 3; NAC Breda 1 Groningen 1, NEC Nijmegen 1 Fortuna Sittard 1, Roda JC Kerkrade 1 Vitesse Arnhem 1.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Seville 0 Barcelona 1; Atletico Madrid 1 Rayo Vallecano 3; Español 2 Hercules 1, Oviedo 1 Real Betis 1; Racing *Santander 1 Deportivo la Coruña 1*, Real Sociedad 1 Celta Vigo 2, Compostela 1 Athletic Bilbao 1; Logrones 0 Valladolid 1, Valencia 2 Sporting Gijon 1; Tenerife 2 Extremadura 1

GERMAN CUP: Third round: Greuther Fürth 1 Karlsruhe 3, VfB Stuttgart 2 Zwickau 0.

ITALIAN CUP: Third round: Reggiana 0 AC Milan 2, Genoa 1 Vicenza 1, Cesena 1 Cremonese 2; Bologna 3 Fiorentina 1; Verona 1 Lazio 2; Pescara 0 Napoli 1; Nocerina 0 Juventus 0

Driving ambition wins place at Le Mans

Davis roars down the straight at a deserted Silverstone on his way to winning the final trial yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

David Powell sees chequered flag of victory signal the chance of a career in motor racing for one *budding British hopeful*

How much of an impression has Damon Hill made on Britain's best young drivers? Not much, evidently. Six young men, not one over 20 and each with a career in motor racing in *mind*, had a chance yesterday to win a place at the La Filière driving school at Le Mans. Not one was a Hill admirer.

Five picked Michael Schumacher as their favourite and one went for Jacques Villeneuve. Not that any of the six was suggesting for one moment that he may eventually do as well as Hill, who displaced Schumacher this season as Formula One world *champion, but Silverstone at* least afforded each the opportunity to put a foot on the ladder. A unique prize awaited the best one among them.

The further they went, the higher the stake. The six had paid £1,175 each to start the week and, having qualified for the final, out of 38 hopefuls who set out on Monday, they had to pay a further £587.50 to come back yesterday. However, all agreed that the thrill and experience of driving a Renault Campus for the first time was worth the extra, win or lose.

A course fee of £1,000 plus VAT was less than half the normal cost. The prize was a year at La Filière, worth more than £100,000. The course includes 12 months of single-seater Campus racing and 80 *half-day track sessions on the* Bugatti circuit. Completing the education is instruction in media relations, mechanics, financial management, contract law and fitness training. And, in case of failure to progress, academic studies.

"In terms of experience I would say it is unbeatable," Alex Blake-Milton, the corporate communications manager of Elf Oil UK, said. La Filière's is the world's only dedicated motor racing academy and is managed by Elf. Tom Davis, 17, from Bristol, emerged the winner and hopes his headteacher at Ridings High School will be sympathetic.

Davis is due to sit A levels next summer but now needs a year out from February. Unlike Hill, Davis's father was *not in motor racing. Not even* interested in it. "When Tom was eight he got me to go to my first grand prix, then he was tugging at my coat tails to go indoor karting," Jim Davis, Tom's father, said.

"I had nobody in the family, nobody around me who was involved," Tom admitted. Of the present drivers, he looks up to Schumacher but Ayrton Senna, who was killed in a crash, made a lasting impression. Davis was racing the day the fatal accident happened but was not tempted to withdraw. "When Senna died, it was a major downer in my life," he said. "In motor sport, you think it can happen to you — but Senna was my hero and you do not expect your heroes to die. I was racing that day but I had to shrug it off. When *you put a helmet on you have* to forget everything that goes on outside."

On the Schumacher/Hill debate, he said: "Schumacher is the only driver who controls the car, instead of the car controlling him. Damon Hill is British and you have got to support him. But he is too much of a gentleman to be a racing driver."

Of the original 38 drivers, two were women, but the final was all male. They were chosen by Jason Plato, senior instructor at Silverstone Driving School, and Paul O'Brien, director, for their speed, technical skill, consistency and learning capability. Open to anybody aged 16 to 23, some had no racing experience, although most had competed *in karting.*

After three days with Formula Fords and Formula Firsts, the final was decided in Campus cars. They had to impress a new set of judges, who included Henri Pescarolo, four times a Le Mans winner and principal at La Filière — which has launched the careers of more than 30 Formula One drivers. "I think Great Britain colours will be on good shoulders," Pescarolo said of Davis.

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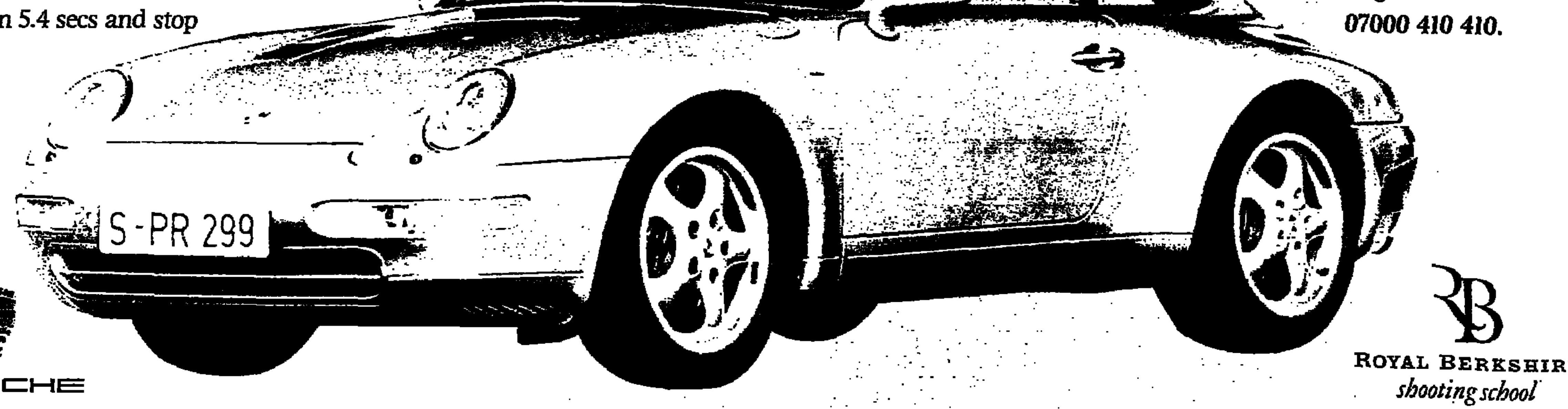

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RACING: BREEDERS' CUP WORKOUTS CONTINUE

Gosden votes for Mark Of Esteem

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT AT WOODBINE, TORONTO

FOUR weeks ago Mark Of Esteem was perceived as an average winner of the 2,000 Guineas. Now he is hailed as Britain's saviour: the horse who will rescue an abysmal British record at the Breeders' Cup. The bandwagon has been slowly gathering momentum but the wheels caught fire yesterday when Britain's trainers reached the racetrack.

The Godolphin horse, a best-priced 11-10 with Coral for the Breeders' Cup Mile here tomorrow, has looked in mint condition all week. And the point was not lost on John Gosden, who believes European horses will make off with both turf contests on the seven-race card. Eloquent as ever, Gosden did not flinch when asked to assess the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes winner.

"I think Mark Of Esteem could be exceptional, maybe even in Miesque's league," he said. "If he repeats the performance he produced at Ascot I don't think he'll be beaten. This track is ideal. We are also strong in the Turf, and if we can't win both races we might as well pack up and go home."

Certainly one cannot fault Mark Of Esteem on his paces yesterday. He covered his usual lap of the turf course but quickened up to half-speed for the final four furlongs. "The horse is in excellent shape," Simon Crisford, racing manager to Godolphin, said. "He is coping well with the new conditions and we are very happy with his draw [stall 11]." Although Mark Of Esteem's exploits identify him as the horse to beat, the list of champion British milers humbled at the Breeders' Cup is lengthy.

Gosden did not include Shantou, his St Leger winner, when pressed to analyse the Turf. "The American horses look weak this year and I feel the Turf is between Swain and Singspiel," he said. "Shantou is improving but I've always felt four-year-olds are better suited to these races. It's tough to bring a three-year-old here as an afterthought." Shantou was heading for the Prix Royal-Oak before his late diversion.

As for the French raiders, Thierry Jarnet has lost the ride aboard Swain, fourth in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Jarnet has instead been booked for Luna Wells, who finished one place behind her stablemate at Longchamp. However, Luna Wells looks a shade light in condition; she returned to her stable well in advance of Swain when the pair exercised yesterday. Supporters of Spinning World can take encouragement from the manner in which he strode out under Cash Asmussen on the turf track.

Michael Stoute was on hand to orchestrate the routines of Singspiel and Pilsudski, who both breezed six furlongs, the last two at speed. "Pilsudski travelled exceptionally well and has taken his Arc exertions [he ran second] in his stride," Stoute said, "while Singspiel lost the same amount of weight as he did when coming here for the Canadian International." Interestingly, Jimmy Scott, Stoute's travelling head lad, said of the turf course: "They are calling it soft but it is perfect ground."

Willie Ryan, riding at his first Breeders' Cup, was taken by Iktamal's 4½-furlong workout on dirt. And the jockey was equally enthusiastic about Khaled Abdulla's Dushyantor, who is thriving on the bustle of the backstretch. "The horse is very happy here," Grant Pritchard-Gordon, Abdulla's racing manager, said. "Our theory is that you have to come into a race like this a fresh horse and Dushyantor has had a six-week break." The stage is set; all we need is something to celebrate.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: YES MAN
(4.40 Newbury)
Next best: *Mytton's Choice*
(2.40 Newbury)

JULIAN HERBERT

Reid drives Desert Story to victory in the Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury yesterday

Carson returns to Newbury

WILLIE CARSON was in fine form at Newbury yesterday, his first day at the races since suffering life-threatening injuries at the Berkshire track five weeks ago (Richard Evans writes).

Carson, 53, piloted his own aircraft to the course and was even able to joke about the incident in which Messhed lashed out in the paddock. "If she had been a person she would have got two years for GBH," he said.

Carson added: "I feel OK and things have been going well. I am still lighter than I was riding. I lost a lot of weight because I ate nothing for ten days. Accidents happen; it's part of the racing game."

On his future, he said: "I would like to finish my riding career on top of a horse instead of on the floor, even if I came back for just a couple of months. But next year is a question mark. It depends if I can get fit and have the will to want to go on."

The day's feature race, the group three Vodafone Horris Hill Stakes, was won by Desert Story as little more than a length covered the first four home. The Michael Stoute-trained favourite looked sure to win convincingly as he cruised behind the leaders two furlongs out but at the line was all out to win by threequarters of a length on the testing ground.

Old Bridge to swing outcome on reappearance

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWBURY BBC2

2.40: The small field should suit the front-running Country Star, who has shown progressive form in France since landing a handicap hurdle with the minimum of fuss at Newton Abbot in August. He was far from disgraced behind the classy Al Capone II at Auteuil a month ago and Charlie Brooks's runner will be a tough nut to crack. After two years off the racecourse with a tendon injury and being moved to David Nicholson's yard, **Mytton's Choice** recorded a career-best effort when successful at Chepstow 20 days ago. Always travelling well, he quickened to win as he liked and could still be ahead of the handicapper. Frogmarch and the quirky Oh So Risky have plenty of weight, while Seasonal Splendour is better over a longer trip.

3.10: Old Bridge regularly goes well first time out, having won twice and been runner-up on his seasonal reappearance during the past three years. Last season's Mildmay Of Flete winner could be worth risking. Strong Medicine, who with Egypt Mill Prince and Easthorpe likes to race prominently, is well handicapped on his form early last term but probably needs further. The small field will suit Easthorpe, another who goes well fresh, but Henrietta Knight's progressive chaser may be better on right-handed tracks.

3.40: Ferdy Murphy believes **Paddy's Return** could develop into a Champion Hurdle contender this season. The Triumph Hurdle winner is reported fit enough for his seasonal reappearance and is weighted to confirm Cheltenham form with Hatta Breeze and Mistinguett. Alltime Dancer is the only member of the quartet to have had a run this season and race fitness could make him a danger.

RICHARD EVANS

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THUNDERER

2.00 Stackattack. 2.30 Summer Dance. 3.00 Midyan Blue. 3.30 Great Child. 4.00 Hello Dolly. 4.30 Euphyllia. 5.00 Blurred.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 **SHARP SHUFFLE.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Alml Ad. 3.30 **ARCO COLORA** (nap). 5.00 Blurred.

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TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 7F, HIGH BEST

2.00 OCTOBER APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,068: 7f) (22 runners)

101 (4) -140 WAYPOINT 29 (D,G) R Charlton 9-7 R Brisland (5) 87
102 (10) 0020 CLASSY CHIEF 6 R Boss 9-5 G Faulkner (3) 92
103 (13) 3463 REALLY A DREAM 23 M Stoute 9-4 F Lynch 90
104 (20) 0005 BLESSINGINDISGUISE 13 (G) M W Easterby 9-3 G Parkin 97
105 (21) 3000 MARJAANA 18 (V,G) P Walwyn 9-2 D Wright 92
106 (2) 2425 FINISTERRE 52 (G) J J O'Neill 9-1 Dane O'Neill 87
107 (8) 0000 MYTTONS MISTAKE 28 (D,F) A Bailey 8-13 Angela Gallimore (5) 95
108 (19) 0301 BATALEUR 25 (S) Miss J Bower 8-12 R Ffrench (5) 92
109 (17) 3040 DISPOL DIAMOND 48 G Oldroyd 8-11 A Daly 91
110 (16) 0502 STACKATTACK 6 P Webber 8-11 David O'Neill (5) 98
111 (15) 0004 COMIC FANTASY 23 (B,F) J Eyre 8-11 S Buckley (5) 98
112 (6) 3541 SILVER HARROW 10 (D,F) A Newcombe 8-10 (6ex) D Griffiths 90
113 (12) 0103 JUST MILLIE 23 (D,F) J Banks 8-9 R Mullen (3) 90
114 (11) 5405 MARINO STREET 39 (G) P Evans 8-7 Anthony Bond (5) 92
115 (14) 2530 THEATRE MAGIC 4 (D,G) S Bowring 8-6 C Teague 90
116 (5) 0330 POLAR REFRAIN 17 C Dwyer 8-4 Jo Hunnam (3) 92
117 (18) 250 WITH THE TEMPO 35 J Scargill 8-3 M Baird [illegible]
118 (9) 2000 NAPOLEON'S RETURN 70 (V,D,F) J Eyre 7-12 Jenny Benson (5) 86
119 (1) 6532 THE BARNSLEY BELLE 17 J Eyre 7-11 P Fessey 94
120 (3) 0-05 FANCY DESIGN 96 P Mitchell 7-10 M Henry 88
121 (22) 1500 FAIRLY SURE 17 (D,F) N Berry 7-10 Kerry Baker (5) 80
122 (7) 6000 BELBAY STAR 34 J Eyre 7-10 J Bramhill (5) 89

7-2 Really A Dream, 6-1 The Barnsley Belle, 8-1 Waypoint, 10-1 Classy Chief, Just Millie, Stackattack, Bataleur

2.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND FLAXTON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,802: 1m round) (15)

201 (12) 40 AGONY AUNT 16 Mrs J Cecil 8-11 K Darley 95
202 (7) 2 ALMI AD 20 D Morley 8-11 R Hills 93
203 (13) 02 BRAVE KRIS 16 L Cumani 8-11 O Urbina 98
204 (14) 22 CALYPSO GRANT 30 P Harris 8-11 G Hind [illegible]
205 (10) 0 CEANOTHUS 50 J Gosden 8-11 G Duffield 80
206 (15) DAMANKA M Bell 8-11 G Faulkner (5) —
207 (6) DEAR DRUE C Brittain 8-11 B Doyle —
208 (3) EPWORTH A Stewart 8-11 M Roberts —
209 (5) 6 INIMITABLE 11 J Dunlop 8-11 M Hills 76
210 (11) MOVE THE CLOUDS J Fanshawe 8-11 D Harrison —
211 (2) SPRIOLO (B) R Armstrong 8-11 R Price —
212 (9) SUMMER DANCE M Stoute 8-11 J Reid —
213 (1) 00 TEUTONIC LASS 17 P Walwyn 8-11 J Stack 77
214 (8) 0 THORNBY PARK 16 J Dunlop 8-11 T Sprake 81
215 (4) TRUE GLORY J Gosden 8-11 A McGlone —

4-1 True Glory, 9-2 Summer Dance, 5-1 Brave Kris, 6-1 Almi Ad, 8-1 Calypso Grant, 10-1 Ceanothus, Agony Aunt, 12-1 others.

3.00 SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION HANDICAP
(£4,078: 1m 6f 132yd) (11)

301 (5) 0064 CLASSIC EAGLE 27 (S) R Harris 3-10-0 R Price 91
302 (3) 6262 MIDYAN BLUE 13 (D,G) J Eustace 6-9-12 Martin Dwyer (5) [illegible]
303 (11) 12-5 TURNPOLE 13 (F) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-8 G Lee (5) 92
304 (2) 0603 DEANO'S BEENO 8 (F) M Johnston 4-9-8 M Roberts 95
305 (6) 1340 ELA-YIE-MOU 85 (D,F) S Dow 3-9-7 R Hughes 93
306 (9) 5311 BEAUMONT 13 (D,F,G,S) J Banks 6-9-5 J Quinn 97
307 (7) 0000 MEANT TO BE 13 (F,S) Lady Herries 6-9-3 A Clark 94
308 (10) 5-50 CIRCLED 35 (S) B Hills 3-9-1 M Hills 91
309 (4) 6043 KARISMA 15 Denys Smith 3-8-5 K Fallon 89
310 (8) 0441 GREAT TERN 27 (D,G) N Babbage 4-7-13 R Ffrench (7) 94
311 (1) 3440 SHAKIYR 20 (G) R Hollinshead 5-7-12 F Lynch (3) 98

2-1 Midyan Blue, 7-2 Beaumont, 9-2 Turnpole, 8-1 Deano's Beeno, 10-1 Ela-Yie-Mou, Classic Eagle, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

DONCASTER: Trainers: R Armstrong, 12 winners from 42 runners, 28.6%. G Wragg, 14 from 50, 28.0%. H Cecil, 27 from 102, 26.5%. R Charlton, 9 from 36, 25.0%. J Gosden, 36 from 155, 23.2%. M Stoute, 20 from 106, 18.9%. Jockeys: R Price, 5 winners from 23 rides, 21.7%. M Hills, 31 from 162, 19.1%. C Rutter, 3 from 18, 16.7%. R Hills, 13 from 82, 15.9%. R Hughes, 7 from 45, 15.6%. K Darley, 34 from 254, 13.4%.

FAKENHAM: Trainers: J Jenkins, 9 winners from 39 runners, 23.1%. K Bailey, 5 from 25, 20.0%. Mrs D Haine, 4 from 20, 20.0%. M Tompkins, 5 from 27, 18.5%. Only qualifiers. Jockeys: No qualifiers.

3.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND WHEATLEY PARK MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,296: 7f) (12)

401 (9) 5 GREAT CHILD 23 M Stoute 9-0 K Fallon [illegible]
402 (12) 0 LABEQ 14 P Walwyn 9-0 R Hills 80
403 (4) MINERSVILLE J Gosden 9-0 G Hind —
404 (2) 0 NEMISTO 43 C Brittain 9-0 B Doyle 70
405 (7) PAMELA'S BOY A Smith 9-0 M Birch —
406 (3) 4 PRESENT CHANCE 17 B McMahon 9-0 G Carter 83
407 (5) RHEINBOLD T Etherington 9-0 M Tebbutt —
408 (6) SEA YA MAITE S Bowring 9-0 S D Williams —
409 (8) SOPHOMORE B Hills 9-0 M Hills —
410 (10) STRAFFAN GOLD G Wragg 9-0 K Darley —
411 (11) ARCO COLORA M Stoute 8-9 J Reid —
412 (1) BLOWING AWAY M Tompkins 8-9 M Henry (3) —

3-1 Arco Colora, 7-2 Minersville, 4-1 Straffan Gold, 6-1 Sophomore, 8-1 Great Child, 10-1 Present Chance, 12-1 Labeq, 14-1 others.

4.00 SPINAL INJURIES NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,036: 1m round) (16)

501 (2) 0550 RAVEN MASTER 60 (V,S) P Chapple-Hyam 9-7 J Reid 89
502 (4) 10 IDRICA 20 (D,F) J Gosden 9-7 G Hind 86
503 (3) 5145 MR BOMBASTIQUE 15 (F) B Hills 8-13 M Hills 90
504 (1) 6063 DRIVE ASSURED 25 C Brittain 8-12 B Doyle 90
505 (12) 1501 FOXES TAIL 35 (D,F,S) Miss S Hall 8-9 F Lynch (3) 94
506 (15) 1521 SOUTHERLY WIND 29 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 8-9 K Fallon 95
507 (9) 4250 I CAN'T REMEMBER 14 (F,S) P Evans 8-7 J F Egan 98
508 (14) 2100 TOP OF THE WIND 44 (F) J J O'Neill 8-6 J Fortune 95
509 (8) 4040 TRIPLE TERM 31 (BF) J Dunlop 8-5 K Darley 96
510 (13) 5403 LEVITICUS 25 (BF) T Tate 8-4 A Culhane 94
511 (5) 6850 SUDEST 17 I Balding 8-3 Martin Dwyer (5) 96
512 (11) 050 GOLDEN MELODY 43 R Hannon 8-0 G Carter 91
513 (10) 542 PRETTY SHARP 28 A Jarvis 8-0 J Quinn 94
514 (8) 3122 GIPSY PRINCESS 6 (B,BF,F) M W Easterby 7-11 R Mullen (7) [illegible]
515 (7) 4230 HELLO DOLLY 7 (G) K Burke 7-10 R Ffrench (7) 94
516 (16) 4204 LOCH-HURN LADY 4 K Hogg 7-10 D Wright (3) 92

4-1 Southerly Wind, 6-1 Foxes Tail, 7-1 Triple Term, 8-1 Idrica, Drive Assured, Gipsy Princess, 10-1 others

4.30 SPROTBOROUGH CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,756: 7f) (22)

601 (22) 000 GREAT CHIEF 18 H Cecil 3-9-2 K Fallon 81
602 (21) 15/ LAB TEST 736 (D,G,S) J Pearce 4-9-0 J Quinn —
603 (9) 2015 SHARP SHUFFLE 18 (D,G) R Hannon 3-8-12 R Hughes [illegible]
604 (2) 0302 WHAT A FUSS 34 B Hanbury 3-8-12 J Stack 89
605 (4) 36 GAD YAKOUN 17 M Meagher 3-8-10 J Fortune 91
606 (16) 00 GRAND POPO 51 S Kettlewell 3-8-10 Jenny Benson (7) —
607 (15) 0100 OCHOS RIOS 13 (C,D,F,G,S) B Rothwell 5-8-10 F Lynch (3) 90
608 (17) 5450 THORDIS 71 (V,F) P Makin 3-8-10 K Darley 93
609 (12) 0 COLEBROOK LEADER 91 J Bosley 4-8-7 D Wright (3) —
610 (19) 1030 DAHIYAH 57 (V,F,G) D Williams 5-8-7 D Griffiths (5) 94
611 (13) -000 MASAI MAN 38 (B) Miss J Bower 5-8-7 T Williams —
612 (5) 0060 NINEACRES 17 (V,F,G) N Babbage 5-8-7 R Ffrench (7) 80
613 (20) 0050 LADY SILK 28 (G,S) Miss J Craze 5-8-6 D McKeown 78
614 (8) PERANG POLLY Lord Huntingdon 4-8-6 D Harrison —
615 (1) 60 LAWSIMINA 17 Miss J Craze 3-8-5 A McGlone 77
616 (11) 2440 SWEET MATE 199 (D,G) M Meade 4-8-5 T Field (7) 83
617 (14) 0000 NITEOWL RAIDER 48 (G) J A Harris 3-8-3 J O'Reilly 90
618 (18) 0405 ORIEL LAD 18 (D,F,S) E Incisa 3-8-3 Kim Tinkler 92
619 (7) 0000 OH SUSANNAH 28 (V,D,F,G) J A Harris 5-8-2 C Rutter 87
620 (3) 0004 EUPHYLLIA 10 (CD,F) Bob Jones 4-8-1 F Norton 91
621 (10) 0060 CAMERON EDGE 48 A Mulholland 3-8-0 T Sprake 67
622 (6) 6045 LA FINALE 26 (B) D Nicholls 3-7-13 N Kennedy 86

4-1 Sharp Shuffle, 5-1 Great Chief, 6-1 Ochos Rios, 7-1 Thordis, 8-1 Lab Test, 10-1 What A Fuss, 12-1 others

5.00 WESTWOODSIDE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,728: 1m 2f 60yd) (18)

1 (8) 3000 EXALTED 19 (G) M Prescott 9-7 G Duffield 96
2 (5) 2542 RAISE A PRINCE 15 J Hills 9-1 M Hills 94
3 (6) 3203 SERENES 28 P Walwyn 8-13 T Sprake 91
4 (10) 4250 ALICIA 57 J Dunlop 8-12 K Darley 91
5 (4) -060 MY MARIAM 79 (F) C Egerton 8-11 R Hughes 89
6 (14) 0330 DESERT LYNX 11 (G) T Watson 8-11 T Williams 95
7 (3) 6203 BLURRED 10 M Tompkins 8-11 M Henry (3) 97
8 (9) 442 KENTUCKY FALL 28 Lady Herries 8-9 A Clark 98
9 (15) 5-00 APICELLA 179 J Pearce 8-9 G Bardwell 87
10 (1) 2030 APACHE LEN 13 (B) R Hannon 8-9 Dane O'Neill [illegible]
11 (17) 3210 DIVINE 30 (BF,G) A Stewart 8-8 M Roberts 89
12 (13) 2025 MOCK TRIAL 38 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6 K Fallon 90
13 (2) 0100 CHABROL 37 (D,F) T Clement 8-6 A Daly (5) 96
14 (18) 30-0 PEPPERS 23 K Burke 8-5 D Harrison 91
15 (12) 0000 LE SPORT 4 (B,G) D Nicholls 8-5 J Quinn 98
16 (16) 1030 CATHERINE'S CHOICE 56 (G) J Bethell 8-1 S Drowne 85
17 (7) 0206 ABSOLUTELYSTUNNING 38 (D,F) Mrs B Waring 7-11 N Varley (3) 92
18 (11) 4054 NEWBRIDGE BOY 2 (G) M Meagher 7-10 F Norton 88

11-4 Raise A Prince, 6-1 Kentucky Fall, 7-1 Divine, 8-1 Serenes, Mock Trial, Blurred, 10-1 others.

Blinkered first time

DONCASTER: 2.30 Spriolo. 4.30 Oh Susannah. Thordis. 5.00 Le Sport. FAKENHAM: 2.20 Fierce.

FAKENHAM

THUNDERER

2.20 Ragamuffin Romeo. 2.50 Sprowston Boy. 3.20 Devilry. 3.50 Roi Du Nord. 4.20 Eurobox Boy. 4.50 Crackling Frost. 5.20 Ardenbar.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.20 WALSINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,714: 2m) (9 runners)

1 -541 HAMADRYAD 13 (D,F) Mrs V Ward 8-11-12 Mr R Thornton (7)
2 5545 FIERCE 6 (B,D,F,G,S) J Jenkins 8-11-12 G Bradley
3 R0/ TONDRES 241F J Norton 5-11-7 W Fry
4 40/ ALOSAILI 539 (D,F,G) J Cullinan 9-11-1 V Slattery
5 -4F0 PUSEY STREET BOY 27 (D,F) J Bosley 9-10-11 M Bosley
6 1322 RAGAMUFFIN ROMEO 16 (D,F) H Collingridge 7-10-9 R Guest
7 /0-0 TOTAL ASSET 6 A Forbes 6-10-2 T Eley
8 PP/ LOCK TIGHT 599 Miss C Caroe 6-10-0 D Leahy
9 0PU- BEN CONNAN 181 John Whyte 6-10-0 Mr R Wakley (7)

2-1 Hamadryad, 11-4 Fierce, 7-2 Ragamuffin Romeo, 8-1 Pusey Street Boy, 10-1 Total Asset, 14-1 Alosaili, 16-1 others

2.50 WEATHERBYS STUD BOOK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,308: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 -514 TRUMPET 10 (D,F) J O'Shea 7-12-0 Michael Brennan
2 -123 LUCKY DOLLAR 27 (BF,F,S) K Bailey 8-12-0 G Hogan
3 145- SOLOMAN SPRINGS 151 (V,D,F) Mrs V Ward 6-10-12 D Parker
4 513- SPROWSTON BOY 151 (CD,F,G,S) M Chapman 13-10-9 Ross Berry (5)
5 000- JOKER JACK 151 (F,S) R Dean 11-10-0 T Dascombe

10-11 Lucky Dollar, 5-2 Trumpet, 6-1 Sprowston Boy, 7-1 Soloman Springs, 16-1 Joker Jack.

3.20 WIMPEY HOMES NOVICES CHASE
(£3,322: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 -021 SPRING LOADED 13 (D,F) J O'Shea 5-11-4 Michael Brennan (5)
2 P-0P CHUKKARIO 2 J Bosley 10-10-12 M Bosley
3 -325 DESERT CHALLENGER 14F (B) J Jenkins 6-10-12 S Fox
4 2F-5 DEVILRY 22 (G,S) R Craggs 6-10-12 R Johnson
5 0555 DOCTOR-J 22 (F) J White 6-10-12 B Fenton
6 P260 SHALIK 6 (F) J Jenkins 6-10-12 N Egan (7)
7 1P-4 WILDE MUSIC 8 (F) C Brooks 6-10-12 G Bradley
8 PP-P ISHMA 14 (B) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-11 T J Murphy

2-1 Wilde Music, 9-4 Spring Loaded, 4-1 Devilry, 7-1 Desert Challenger, 8-1 Shalik, 10-1 Doctor-J, 25-1 others

3.50 MICHAEL SCOTNEY (TURF ACCOUNTANT) HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,355: 2m) (7)

1 550- WATCH MY LIPS 224 (CD,G) M Tompkins 4-11-11 K Gaule (3)
2 00-0 ROI DU NORD 9 (CD,F,S) S Campion 4-11-5 P Midgley (3)
3 2222 PAIR OF JACKS 6 (CD,BF,F,G) G L Moore 6-10-11 D Fortt (3)
4 215- SALISONG 295 (CD,G,S) J Whyte 7-10-9 Mr R Wakley (7)
5 4242 ROBSERA 21 (BF) J Quinn 5-10-9 L Wyer
6 P50- VIAGGIO 155 (V,D,G,S) A Forbes 8-10-8 T Eley
7 02-P RED LIGHT 132 (V) J Jenkins 4-10-5 N Egan (7)

2-1 Pair Of Jacks, 7-2 Watch My Lips, 4-1 Robsera, 6-1 Salisong, 8-1 Red Light, 10-1 Roi Du Nord, Viaggio

4.20 LITTLE SNORING JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,733: 2m) (10)

1 21F0 VERULAM 13 (F) J Jenkins 11-2 G Bradley
2 EUROBOX BOY 17F A Jarvis 10-12 D Byrne
3 5 SUNLEY SECURE 6 N Chance 10-12 R Johnson
4 2 COTTAGE PRINCE 41 J Quinn 10-9 L Wyer
5 IT'S DAWAN P Mitchell 10-9 L Aspell (3)
6 KULSHI MOMKEN 68F J Norton 10-9 W Fry
7 NORDIC HERO 46F A Jarvis 10-9 A Lamach
8 6 STOLEAMARCH 41 A Forbes 10-9 T Eley
9 THE GREAT FLOOD 34F C Dwyer 10-9 R Guest
10 34 AGAIN TOGETHER 67 G L Moore 10-4 B Fenton

11-4 Cottage Prince, 4-1 Eurobox Boy, 5-1 Sunley Secure, 8-1 Verulam, Again Together, Nordic Hero, 12-1 others.

4.50 DEREHAM HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,031: 2m 5f 110yd) (4)

1 6-62 CRAFTY CHAPLAIN 13 (F,G,S) D McCain 10-11-11 D Walsh (3)
2 3-31 CRACKLING FROST 15 (CD,F,G) Mrs D Haine 8-10-7 G Bradley
3 6F-4 FABULOUS FRANCY 14 (S) Miss A Embiricos 8-10-0 J Ryan
4 25-4 MIRAGE DANCER 57 (D,F,S) Miss C Caroe 13-10-0 I Lawrence

4-5 Crackling Frost, 5-2 Crafty Chaplain, 5-1 Mirage Dancer, 10-1 Fabulous Francy

5.20 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,196: 2m) (11)

1 BIG STAN'S BOY C Brooks 5-11-4 G Bradley
2 BOOTS MADDEN Miss V Williams 6-11-4 R Johnson
3 0-0 WARRIO 14 J Bosley 6-11-4 M Bosley
4 20- BARRIE STIR 174 J White 4-11-3 Guy Lewis (3)
5 0- CRANBROOK LAD 224 R Curtis 4-11-3 D Morris
6 FIRST LIGHT J Quinn 4-11-3 L Wyer
7 0 HAVANA EXPRESS 35 C Dwyer 4-11-3 I Lawrence
8 HOLKHAM BAY L Wordingham 4-11-3 Michael Brennan (5)
9 0 RINUS MAJESTIC 29 D McCain 4-11-3 D Walsh (3)
10 0- COUNTER ATTACK 181 Miss A Embiricos 5-10-13 J Ryan
11 26 ARDENBAR 14 J Payne 4-10-12 R Guest

9-4 Big Stan's Boy, 5-1 Ardenbar, 6-1 Boots Madden, Barrie Stir, 8-1 others

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

2.10 Circus Star
2.40 **MYTTON'S CHOICE** (nap)
3.10 Old Bridge
3.40 Hatta Breeze
4.10 Call Equiname
4.40 Yes Man

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.10 CRUX EASTON JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £3,730: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

1 CIRCUS STAR 28F (The Ringmasters) D Nicholson 11-0 A Maguire —
2 GOLD LANCE 143F (Mrs B Marchant) R O Sullivan 11-0 P Holley —
3 KERAWI (M Archer) N Twiston-Davies 11-0 C Llewellyn —
4 LAUGHING BUCCANEER 34F (D Carey) D Carey 11-0 B Powell —
5 LE TETEU 19F (Mrs J Woods) B Jones 11-0 D Bridgwater —
6 RIVERCARE 16F (P Stoner) M Polglase 11-0 V Smith —
7 SERENUS 31F (W Robins) N Henderson 11-0 M A Fitzgerald —
8 6 SEVEN CROWNS 23 (R Heathman) C Popham 11-0 N Williamson —
9 SHOOTING LIGHT 27F (J Brown) P Murphy 11-0 R Farrant —
10 CAST A FLY 416F (M Lewis) M Salaman 10-9 B Clifford —
11 CLASSICAL JOKER (Kavanagh Roofing) R Alner 10-9 W McFarland —
12 DISH THE DOSH 402F (L Phillips) D Burchell 10-9 D J Burchell —
13 LOCKET 41F (J Plumb) J Bennett 10-9 L Harvey —
14 PETROS GEM (Mrs R Murrell) M Bolton 10-9 P Hide —

BETTING: 2-1 Circus Star, 100-30 Serenus, 5-1 Kerawi, 13-2 Shooting Light, 7-1 Le Teteu, 10-1 Classical Joker, 12-1 others.

1995: EXECUTIVE DESIGN 11-0 P Niven (9-4) Mrs M Reveley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

CIRCUS STAR 5½l 10th to Haya Ya Kefaah in Flat handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good). GOLD LANCE 32l 8th to Skillington in Flat maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to firm). LE TETEU 4¾l 3rd of 12 to Rebel County in Flat handicap at Haydock (1m, soft). RIVERCARE 15l 7th to Amiarge in Flat handicap at Nottingham (2m 2f, good). SERENUS 7½l 4th of 7 to Mount Pleasant in Flat maiden at Epsom (1m 4f, good to firm). SEVEN CROWNS distant 5th of 8 to Doctor Green in novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 110yd, good). SHOOTING LIGHT about 6l 4th of 6 to Roseberry Avenue in Flat handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good to soft).
No selection

2.40 FLEETLEASE ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP HURDLE
BBC2
(£4,696: 2m 110yd) (5 runners)

1 0/F5P00- OH SO RISKY 174 (CD,G) (M Tabor) D Elsworth 9-12-0 P Holley 98
2 511121- FROGMARCH 202 (CD,S) (Mrs H Mills) R Phillips 6-11-2 J Railton 95
3 41-11 COUNTRY STAR 37 (D,F,S) (F Salman) C Brooks 5-10-8 J Osborne 93
4 53212/1 MYTTON'S CHOICE 20 (D,F,G) (G Mytton) D Nicholson 5-10-3 A Maguire [illegible]
5 3/13451- SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 112F (D,F,S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 6-10-1 A P McCoy 90

BETTING: 7-4 Mytton's Choice, 11-4 Seasonal Splendour, 3-1 Frogmarch, 4-1 Country Star, 10-1 Oh So Risky.

1995: SQUIRE SILK 6-12-0 P Carberry (11-2) A Turnell 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

OH SO RISKY 25l 14th to Tragic Hero in Swinton Handicap Hurdle at Haydock (2m, good). FROGMARCH beat Jostina ½l in handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good to soft). COUNTRY STAR 10l 2nd of 9 to Al Capone II in hurdle at Auteuil (2m 2f, soft). MYTTON'S CHOICE beat Pair Of Jacks 11l in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good).
SEASONAL SPLENDOUR best effort last year on final start, beat Royal Ag Nag 5l in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to firm).
Selection: COUNTRY STAR (nap)

3.10 KONE LIFTS HANDICAP CHASE
BBC2
(£6,931: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 410/RR1- COMMERCIAL ARTIST 251 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Thompson) N Gaselee 10-12-0 C Llewellyn 93
2 220340- EGYPT MILL PRINCE 181 (CD,F,G,S) (S Webb) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-13 W Marston 97
3 111126- EASTHORPE 209 (F,G,S) (M Broughton) Miss H Knight 8-11-5 J F Titley 97
4 2F11F3- OLD BRIDGE 189 (D,G,S) (K Mackenzie) A Turnell 8-10-10 N Williamson [illegible]
5 1111-S0 BORO VACATION 86 (D,F,G) (C Paterson) P Nicholls 7-10-6 A P McCoy —
6 21483P- STRONG MEDICINE 181 (D,F,G) (D Sill) K Bailey 9-10-4 C O'Dwyer 96

BETTING: 5-2 Egypt Mill Prince, 3-1 Old Bridge, 4-1 Strong Medicine, 5-1 Boro Vacation, 6-1 Easthorpe, 8-1 Commercial Artist

1995: BUCKBOARD BOUNCE 9-10-13 P Carberry (4-1) G Richards 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

COMMERCIAL ARTIST beat Hermes Harvest distance in 3-runner chase at Windsor (3m, good). EGYPT MILL PRINCE best recent run 3¾l 3rd of 9 to Rough Quest in Grade III Racing Post Handicap chase at Kempton (3m, soft). EASTHORPE 4l 2nd of 13 to Kibreet in handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. OLD BRIDGE best recent run beat Call It A Day ½l in 13-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft).
BORO VACATION best recent run beat Minster For Fun 1½l in 7-runner handicap chase at Wexford (2m 4f, good). STRONG MEDICINE 6½l 3rd of 8 to All For Luck in handicap chase at Aintree (3m 1f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: OLD BRIDGE

3.40 NEWBURY AUTUMN FOUR YEAR OLD HURDLE
BBC2
(4-Y-O: £4,796: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

1 11221- PADDY'S RETURN 225 (D,F,G) (P O'Donnell) F Murphy 11-7 R Dunwoody [illegible]
2 41144-5 ALLTIME DANCER 20 (CD,F,G,S) (H Heyman) O Sherwood 11-3 J Osborne 87
3 1300- HATTA BREEZE 183 (CD,S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 10-12 A Maguire 96
4 142240- MISTINGUETT 183 (D,S) (J Duggan) N Twiston-Davies 10-12 C Llewellyn 98

BETTING: 5-4 Paddy's Return, 5-2 Alltime Dancer, 4-1 Mistinguett, 5-1 Hatta Breeze

1995: CLIFTON BEAT 11-3 G McCourt (6-4) P Hobbs 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PADDY'S RETURN beat Magical Lady (disqualified and placed last) 4l in Grade I Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good) with MISTINGUET (3lb better off) hd 3rd (promoted to 2nd) and HATTA BREEZE (3lb better off) 1¾l 4th (promoted to 3rd). ALLTIME DANCER 5l 5th of 11 to Hamilton Silk in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good). HATTA BREEZE 6¾l 7th of 20 to Shaunies Lady in Grade I Murphys Champ hurdle at Punchestown (2m, soft) with MISTINGUET 25l 14th. MISTINGUETT 7l and neck 4th of 11 to Zabadi in Grade II Glenlivet Novice hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start
Selection: MISTINGUETT

4.10 PENWOOD NOVICES CHASE (£3,769: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

1 21110-1 CALL EQUINAME 20 (G,S) (Coburn, Barber, Lewis) P Nicholls 6-11-12 A P McCoy [illegible]
2 3/4000-1 AMBASSADOR ROYALE 11 (F,G,S) (Miss A Broyd) Miss A Broyd 8-11-7 A Maguire 73
3 16P0F1- PLUNDER BAY 167 (F,S) (W Robins) N Henderson 5-11-6 M A Fitzgerald 80
4 211453- BUCKHOUSE BOY 210 (S) (Bawby Boys) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-2 T Jenks 83
5 6F/ CLIFTON GAME 56F (Oping Enterprises) M Channon 6-11-2 A Thornton —
6 /5331/ GLENTOWER 966 (G) (Brewers Arms) C Popham 8-11-2 N Williamson —

BETTING: 5-4 Call Equiname, 7-2 Buckhouse Boy, 4-1 Plunder Bay, 7-1 Glentower, 10-1 Ambassador Royale, 12-1 Clifton Game

1995: GENERAL COMMAND 7-11-9 P Carberry (6-4) G Richards 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CALL EQUINAME beat Sonic Star 18l in 4-runner novice chase at Chepstow (3m 3f 110yd, good). AMBASSODOR ROYALE beat The Lancer 2½l in 9-runner novice chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good to soft). PLUNDER BAY beat Dino Malta in 11-runner novice chase at Worcester (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). BUCKHOUSE BOY 13l 3rd of 16 to Pleasure Shared in Grade I Sefton novice hurdle at Aintree (3m 110yd, good). GLENTOWER beat Castle Court 7l in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, good).
Selection: CALL EQUINAME

4.40 OCTOBER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£4,919: 3m 110yd) (7 runners)

1 213111- NEWTON POINT 148 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Pegna) D Nicholson 7-12-0 A Maguire 96
2 2112/ JACK BUTTON 534F (S) (A and B Racing) B Jones 7-11-13 D Bridgwater —
3 23F414- MR KERMIT 210 (D,G) (D Blagden) A J Wilson 5-11-6 L Harvey 90
4 22/112 FELDRIDGE 27 (BF,F,G) (Charleston Partners) M Muggeridge 7-10-9 B Powell 90
5 25333-2 LANSDOWNE 28 (D,BF,S) (R Denmead) P Nicholls 8-10-9 A P McCoy 98
6 010/214 ACROW LINE 13 (D,F,G,S) (R Thomas Williams) D Burchell 11-10-5 D J Burchell 97
7 324111- YES MAN 223 (CD,F,S) (Azzmck Winton Wright) Miss H Knight 7-10-3 J F Titley [illegible]

BETTING: 7-4 Newton Point, 7-2 Yes Man, 5-1 Feldridge, 6-1 Jack Button, 7-1 Lansdowne, 10-1 Mr Kermit, 14-1 Acrow Line

1995: GREAT MARQUESS 8-11-2 C Llewellyn (100-30) N Twiston-Davies 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

NEWTON POINT beat Raqib 22l in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, good to soft). JACK BUTTON short head 2nd of 15 to Morgans Harbour in Grade I Sefton novice hurdle at Aintree (3m 110yd, good to firm) 1995. MR KERMIT 14¼l 4th of 16 to Pleasure shared in Grade I Sefton novice hurdle at Aintree (3m 110yd, good). FELDRIDGE 6l 2nd of 6 to Freddie Muck in handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m 4f, good to firm). LANDSDOWNE 13l 2nd of 6 to Imperial Vintage in novice chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm)
ACROW LINE beat Blasket Hero 1½l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (3m 3f, good) on penultimate start. YES MAN beat Izza head in 18-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft)
Selection: LANDSDOWNE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Nicholson	26	98	26.5	R Dunwoody	31	114	27.2
O Sherwood	14	56	25.0	J Osborne	33	128	25.8
F Murphy	4	17	23.5	P Holley	13	60	21.7
D Elsworth	11	47	23.4	W Marston	9	45	20.0
N Henderson	18	83	21.7	A Maguire	17	101	16.8
A Turnell	9	42	21.4	J Titley	3	20	15.0

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Newbury

Going: soft

2.10 (7f) 1, AMBER FORT (D Griffiths, 9-1 fav); 2, Sovereigns Court (R Havlin, 10-1); 3, Ca'd'oro (Iona Wands, 14-1); 4, Proud Monk (C Webb, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11 Sagebrush Roller, 14 Barrel Of Hope, Double March, Knobbleeneeze, Regal Splendour, Tatika (5th), Winsome Wooster, 16 Mincioletti (6th), Sea Danzig, Shontaine, 20 Anastina, Green Bopper, Jaazim, Press On Nicky, 25 Chili Heights, Flashing Sabre, Leigh Crofter, Primetta, Vanborough Lad, 33 Ban Gunn, Croagh Patrick, Hurtleberry. 26 ran. NR: Kowtow. 2½l, hd, ½l, 1l, 2½l. D Elsworth at Whitcombe. Tote: £6.40; £1.70, £2.80, £3.70, £4.40. DF: £37.80. Trio: £173.40. CSF: £96.98. Tricast: £1,200.37.

2.40 (2m) 1, BOWCLIFFE COURT (J Quinn, 6-1); 2, Upper Gallery (J Reid, 5-1); 3, Double Agent (M Henry, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Ginger Fox (6th), 15-2 Pearl Venture, 9 Benfleet (4th), Shining Dancer, 10 Sea Freedom (5th), 16 Mirador, Sharaf, 25 Muse, 66 Blaazing Joe, 100 Ginka, Mull House. 14 ran. 2½l, 11l, 3l, 6l, 1l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £10.10; £2.80, £1.90, £7.30. DF: £20.90. Trio: £184.60. CSF: £33.34. Tricast: £420.50.

3.10 (7f 64yd) 1, DESERT STORY (J Reid, 6-4 fav); 2, Royal Amaretto (M Tebbutt, 10-1); 3, Hidden Meadow (M Hills, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Showboat, 6 Andreyev (6th), 12 Starborough (4th), 25 Bali Paradise (5th), 50 General Song. 8 ran. ¾l, hd, nk, 8l, ½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.60, £2.30. DF: £10.50. CSF: £15.43.

3.40 (6f 8yd) 1, THE PUZZLER (M Hills, 10-1); 2, Musical Season (K Darley, 9-2); 3, Bajan Rose (A Daly, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Samwar, 5 Madly Sharp (6th), 8 Russian Music, 12 World Premier, 16 Avert (5th), Hard To Figure, Montendre (4th), 50 Repertory. 11 ran. ¾l, 2½l, 1¼l, hd, 1¾l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £8.90; £1.80, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £22.80. Trio: £45.70. CSF: £50.84. Tricast: £315.28.

4.10 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, ENRICHED (G Hind, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Danish Rhapsody (D O'Shea, 33-1); 3, Tiutchev (R Perham, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt-fav Sea Wedding (4th), 11-2 Scarpetta (6th), 11 Phonetic (5th), 12 Lavender Della, Mazurek, Sulawesi, 16 Pattala, 20 Windrush Holly, 33 All Stand, 50 Bryanston Square, D J Cat, Executive Officer, Thatcham Island. 16 ran. ½l, 10l, 1¼l, nk, 5l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £4.70, £3.80. DF: £75.90. Trio: £358.20. CSF: £74.67.

4.40 (6f 8yd) 1, ZA-IM (M Hills, 9-2); 2, Soviet State (J Reid, 7-4 fav); 3, Fly To The Stars (K Darley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Musharak, 10 Khalaaq, Maypole, 12 Praeclus (4th), 16 Mary Magdalene, 20 Arantxa, Purchasing Power, Smart Dominion, Thornton, 25 Dead Aim (6th), 33 E-Mail, Flying Thatch, Hibernica, Karen's Hat, Top Of The Green, 40 Ardent, Davids Revenge, Sweet Bettsie (5th), Timothy George, Yabint El Sultan. 23 ran. 2l, 4l, 1¼l, sh hd. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £6.30; £2.10, £1.80, £4.30. DF: £7.70. Trio: £40.30. CSF: £14.96.

5.10 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, EDAN HEIGHTS (A Daly, 9-1); 2, Gone For A Burton (Pat Eddery, 7-1 fav); 3, Nabhaan (M Fenton, 14-1); 4, Bit On The Side (P McCabe, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Game Ploy, 10 Another Time (5th), Vaugrenier, 11 Shining Example, Time For Action, 12 Therhea, 14 Debutante Days, 16 Champagne Prince, 20 Danegold, Diminutive, Polar Eclipse (6th), Secret Aly, Shehab, Vola Via, 25 Red Rainbow, 33 Shifting Moon, Ten Past Six. 21 ran. NR: Sharp Consul. 7l, hd, 1¾l, hd, 1l. S Dow at Epsom. Tote: £12.30; £2.70, £2.30, £3.20, £3.10. DF: £53.40. Trio: £750.40. CSF: £73.68. Tricast: £846.36.

5.35 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, HIGHLAND GIFT (R Perham, 9-2; The Times Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Dancing Debut (G Hind, 5-2 fav); 3, Madame Steinlen (A McGlone, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Lady Joshua (5th), 8 Bonanza Peak, Forest Robin (6th), Lacandona (4th), 11 Tassili, 20 Bold Buster, Persuasion, 50 Back By Dawn, 66 Alarico, Amazon Princess, Porlock Castle, Three Weeks. 15 ran. NR: Canadian Jive. 5l, 5l, 2½l, hd, 7l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £5.50; £2.30, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £4.90. CSF: £15.86.

Jackpot: £29,241.30 (0.39 winning tickets. Pool of £25,122.89 carried forward to Doncaster today).
Placepot: £110.30. Quadpot: £10.60.

Nottingham

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.00 (5f 13yd) 1, Superbit (S Sanders, 16-1); 2, Another Batchworth (5-2 fav); 3, Walk The Beat (7-1). 17 ran. Sh hd, sh hd. B McMahon. Tote: £22.40; £5.20, £1.40, £4.70. DF: £29.10. Trio: £82.60. CSF: £56.43.

2.30 (1m) 1, Holloway Melody (G Carter, 14-1); 2, La Fille De Cirque (20-1); 3, Northern Celadon (8-1). Power Game 9-2 fav. 18 ran. 2½l, hd. B McMahon. Tote: £15.80; £3.00, £8.30, £2.90. DF: £154.10. CSF: £258.58.

3.00 (1m 54yd) 1, Over To You (T Sprake, 14-1); 2, Midnight Watch (1-2 fav); 3, Nominator Lad (14-1). 15 ran. Hd, 2½l. E Dunlop. Tote: £16.30; £3.60, £1.20, £3.80. DF: £18.40. Trio: £104.30. CSF: £25.65.

3.30 (1m 54yd) 1, Polly Peculiar (T Sprake, 8-1); 2, Mylontaine (20-1); 3, Kingchip Boy (12-1); 4, Baba Au Rhum (16-1). Apollono 6-1 fav. 18 ran. 1½l, ¾l. B Smart. Tote: £7.90; £3.70, £6.50, £5.40, £4.00. DF: £115.20. Trio: £263.40. CSF: £158.78. Tricast: £1,838.27.

4.00 (2m 9yd) 1, Backwoods (A Garth, 6-1); 2, Sea Victor (9-2 fav); 3, Paradise Navy (12-1). 15 ran. Hd, 1½l. W Brisbourne. Tote: £9.60; £3.40, £3.30, £2.70. DF: £31.30. Trio: £90.20. CSF: £35.46. Tricast: £311.53.

4.30 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, Totem Dancer (R Ffrench, 9-1); 2, Sea Of Stone (6-1); 3, Dato Star (6-5 fav). 17 ran. NR: Classic Warrior. 10l, hd. J Eyre. Tote: £8.80; £1.50, £3.10, £1.10. DF: £9.50. Trio: £11.10. CSF: £65.87.

5.00 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Supreme Sound (A Clark, 4-6 fav); 2, Tommy Tortoise (5-2); 3, Tartan Party (7-1). 8 ran. NR: Fruttie O'Flarety, Here's To Howie. 2½l, 3l. P Harris. Tote: £1.80; £1.00, £1.20, £2.80. DF: £2.30. Trio: £3.30. CSF: £3.14.

5.30 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Indifferent Guy (D R McCabe, 3-1); 2, High On Life (6-1); 3, Ramadour (13-2). Trooper 13-8 fav. 9 ran. Hd, 3l. C Brittain. Tote: £3.60; £1.40, £2.00, £1.80. DF: £14.90. Trio: £83.50. CSF: £22.34.
Placepot: £586.20. Quadpot: £22.30.

Ludlow

Going: firm, good to firm in places

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Pegasus Bay (J Osborne, 20-1); 2, Todd (12-1); 3, Drakestone (11-1). Ath Cheannaithe 6-4 fav. 11 ran. 4l, 2½l. D Candlish. Tote: £27.00; £3.60, £3.30, £3.40. DF: £50.70. CSF: £216.35.

2.50 (3m ch) 1, Fenwick (T Dascombe, 3-1); 2, Cardenden (14-1); 3, Safety (5-2 jt-fav). Spring Loaded 5-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. NR: Chain Shot. 11l, 4l. R Hodges. Tote: £3.90; £1.30, £2.40, £1.60. DF: £25.70. Trio: £22.40. CSF: £38.89. Tricast: £109.49.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Yubralee (A P McCoy, 11-8 fav); 2, Cyrus The Great (9-4); 3, Stay With Me (9-4). 5 ran. 6l, 8l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.97.

3.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, Imperial Vintage (A P McCoy, 1-2 fav); 2, Dancing At Laham (9-2); 3, Little By Little (10-1). 6 ran. 14l, dist. Miss V Williams. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.04.

4.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Crown Ivory (S Fox, 10-3); 2, Saltis (9-1); 3, One More Dime (8-1). Karen's Typhoon 13-8 fav. 6 ran. 1¾l, dist. P Ritchens. Tote: £5.00; £2.40, £3.20. DF: £12.20. CSF: £28.14.

4.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, Coolree (Mr J Tizzard, 2-1); 2, Oscail An Doras (6-4 fav); 3, Houghton (5-1). 5 ran. 5l, dist. P Nicholls. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £1.60. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.62.

5.20 (2m flat) 1, Scoundrel (Mr R Wakley, 4-9 fav); 2, Gunner Sid (14-1); 3, Tatzal (33-1). 15 ran. 14l, nk. K Bailey. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.50, £12.30. DF: £8.00. Trio: £120.50. CSF: £9.75.
Placepot: £93.30. Quadpot: £6.00.

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Moonax has French option

MOONAX, winner of the 1994 Prix Royal-Oak — the French St Leger — is one of three British acceptors for this year's renewal at Longchamp on Sunday. Pat Eddery is expected to ride. Lord Huntingdon has left in Snow Princess and Mongol Warrior. On the same card, Jeremy Glover's Croft Pool, Leap For Joy (John Gosden), Blue Iris (Michael Jarvis) Millyant (Rae Guest) are expected to contest the group three Prix du Petit Couvert.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

PROODE
(b) An introductory ode in a Greek chorus; an overture or prelude; also, a short verse preceding a longer one; opposed to an epode. "The epode, when prefixed to the strophe and antistrophe, assumes the name of Proōde."

ROMBOWLINE
(a) Old, condemned canvas, rope, etc., unfit for use except in chafing-gear. Origin obscure. "The refuse is worked into rombowline for temporary purposes not demanding strength."

PRAMNIAN
(c) A sweet wine from the neighbourhood of Smyrna, from the Greek *Prámnios (oînos)*, Latin *Pramnium (vinum)*. "The Pramnian wine (which the same Homer hath so highly commended) continues yet in credit and holds the name still: it comes from a vineyard in the country about Smyrna near to the temple of Cybele."

QUIRT
(c) A kind of riding-whip used in the western United States and Spanish America, having a short handle and a braided leather lash about two feet long. From the Spanish *corto* short or *cuerda* a cord. "The spectators even went so far as to strike the bare backs of their favourites with quirts or whips to urge them on."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Bxa7+! Kxa7 2 Qc7+ Ka6 3 Bb7+! Ka7 (3 ... Rxb7 4 Qa5 mate) 4 Bc6+ winning quickly.

Driven to tears in company of Wolves

LYNNE TRUSS

Kicking and Screaming

NEWS TEAM

Empty seats in the Molineux stands bear witness to the dearth of excitement on a damp, grey match-day

The *Wolverhampton* Wanderers ClubCall on Monday took a surprising tone, I thought. The game on Saturday may have been a damp squib yet, we must surely agree: "It's always interesting at Molineux!" Interesting? Did that man say "interesting"? I put down the phone with a huff and, with infinite weariness, raised my eyebrows Gromit-fashion.

What a dispiriting experience Saturday was. How on earth was I talked into it? Even in my pristine ignorance, the prospect of Wolves v Port Vale had struck certain alarm gongs for me, and further doubts naturally arose when each of my regular footie hand-holders said: "Oh. Wolverhampton. Really?" And then made a big show of rifling in diaries and shaking their heads.

Yet, stupidly, I looked on the *bright side. Wolves have* a huge following and also a huge stadium with spanking yellow seats. They have a highly contrived strip (some might call it hideous), based on a stylised wolf-face, worn *by a large percentage of the* fans.

So the occasion would be exciting, even if the football was not. Imagine my disappointment, therefore, when 25 minutes after kick-off, the *plucky, expectant smile froze* on my face and I finally admitted I had lost the will to live.

"Lacklustre" would be a misleadingly complimentary description of the play, mainly because it has got the word "lustre" in it. It was dreadful. In front of 23,000 people, *22 men gave a group impression* of week-old kittens wrestling inside paper bags. Players would make short runs with the ball, fall over in the wet, and lose possession.

"No, you take it. Honestly. *I'd finished with it anyway,*" was the hopeless tenor of play. Meanwhile, an already phlegmatic crowd watched damply silent, as if in a state of collective grief. In terms of audience encouragement, *Molineux was evidently the* Glasgow Empire of football. Cheerleaders and free alcohol *were urgently required.*

It did not help that, elsewhere around the country, sensational events were unfolding. Wimbledon were running rings round Chelsea; Sunderland's goalkeeper, *Tony Coton, was being carried* off on a stretcher. Here at Molineux, however, Steve Bull, the local hero, failed to score, and it looked like a depressing 0-0 until Tony Naylor, of Port Vale, scored the *only goal in the 65th* minute.

Wolverhampton's already grey, settled gloom hardened at once to concrete. This was to be their fourth consecutive home defeat, and the death-*knell of all hope. Equalising* seemed out of the question so, for the rest of the match, *Wolves players resorted to that* old Navajo trick of falling over and remaining prone longer than necessary, in the hope of free kicks.

This pathetic strategy was ignored by the ref, quite right*ly. "Stop crying wolf, you lot!"* I said, and chuckled — which, I would like to point out, was an example of a person making her own entertainment in very difficult circumstances.

I had been told that the *thing to know about Wolver*hampton was their vaunting ambition to rejoin the top teams in the Premiership. Years ago, they were top dogs; now, they slink about with their tails dragging. So they *make no secret of their expec*tations and, if promoted, would not waste much time *pretending it was a big sur*prise. They would bound forward with doggy eyes ablaze. Hence the outsize stadium, you see; hence the corporate identity and the queues at the club shop, and the video screens with action replays.

Apparently, though, it is just not working out as expected. Having a huge, lovely, yellow stadium is a touching act of faith, but it is the equivalent of the young Biff Loman in *Death of a Salesman printing* "University of Virginia" on his sneakers, believing that he will thereby influence destiny. Acts of faith are not enough. Biff famously "flunks maths", does not get in, and the *sneakers make no difference at* all.

The clubcall, when I phoned up for the post mortem, did explain a few things, thankfully. Fourteen expensive Wolves players are face down on treatment tables (a troubling image, somehow), and the beleaguered manager, Mark McGhee, sounds deeply fed up in a Scottish sort of way.

"Do you expect supporters to put up with this kind of performance?" he was asked in a rather accusing tone on the clubcall and, with a strangled voice, McGhee answered yes, actually, because he was *doing his best.* "What de youse want, blood?" was the martyred sub-text. Meanwhile, his candid programme notes told us to support the selected team on Saturday — because, after all, "they don't play badly deliberately".

So this is what it is like, then, the reality of football supporting at its lowest ebb: damp and lonely. I spent the first half dreaming about the sandwich in my pocket; and the second half calculating the walk to the station.

All those old football-sociology theories about crowds and mobs were shattered for me. Here were 23,000 people sitting on their own, their only bond a desire to get home and forget it. A burst of "Hi Ho Wolverhampton" at half-time was not inspiring. Perhaps even the fanatics could hear, for once, that "Wolverhampton" does not rhyme with "sun is shining", by any stretch of charity or imagination.

Let's hope some lean, fit wolves leap off those treatment tables shortly, and start running as a pack. Reading the fanzine, *A Load of Bull*, on the London train, I found an advertisement for a cassette collection of "Wolves related songs" which seem to indicate *happier times.*

Entitled *Hark Now Hear the South Bank Sing*, this cassette includes such gems as *We'll Drink a Drink a Drink to Stevie the King* and *Stevie Bull's a Tatter*. I can't explain *why, but it made me want to* cry.

SAILING: CREWS APPROACH BRAZILIAN COAST AND END OF FIRST LEG OF GLOBAL CHALLENGE

Sweet smell of satisfaction spurs on voyagers

FROM EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT
IN RIO DE JANEIRO

MIKE GOLDING and his crew on board *Group 4* were on course for a well-deserved victory in the first leg of the BT Global Challenge last night after leading the race continuously since the fleet passed Ushant, off the French coast, three weeks ago.

Golding was yesterday beating towards the distinctive sugarloaf peaks of Rio into *20-knot winds, and enjoying* close encounters with humpback whales, which have been visiting the 14 yachts.

By midday, Golding had less than 100 miles to go to the finish line, which is set within sight of the beach at Forte de Copacabana, in the centre of the city.

Although the breeze was likely to die down as darkness fell, Golding, who reported his first sight of land yesterday, did not look in danger of being caught by Simon Walker's *Toshiba Wave Warrior*. Walker was 39 miles behind, which is enough to give Golding a slim advantage — about seven hours — for the start of the next leg. Chris Tibbs, on *Concert*, remains in third position, a further 25 miles back.

A close finish between *Save The Children* and *Commercial Union*, in fourth and fifth places, is still on the cards for this afternoon, while the main pack — comprising *3Com, Motorola, Heath Insured II* and *Ocean Rover* — should be in by this evening, all within seven hours of each other after 5,000 miles of racing.

Courtaulds International, in need of a new medically-*qualified crew member for the* second leg, is in fighting form, despite lying in thirteenth position. Yesterday, she achieved the best 24-hour run of the fleet of 216 miles.

Chay Blyth, who has arrived in Rio with the first relatives and friends of crew members who have come out for the stopover, is impressed by the closeness of the racing. "For me, it's just incredible," he said. "They have been so close over such a large distance. It has been very, very competitive sailing. If you look at it in motor racing terms, they are just a car apart."

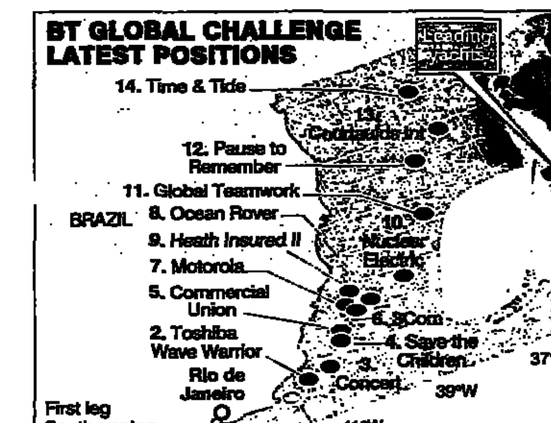
The latest messages from the yachts underline how desperate most of the crews are to get to Rio and enjoy a decent meal, a bath and a drink or two. *Toshiba Wave Warrior* reported: "The crew are finding it quite difficult to keep the concentration going — the sailing is difficult with light, variable breezes and the past few days have gone very slowly. We've been anticipating cold drinks for far too long. *Concert* are too close for a comfortable last 400 miles. The skipper's even offered to share his treasured Jaffa Cakes as an incentive."

Under a deal agreed before the race began, each sponsor has agreed to spend no more than £20,000 on accommodation for the crews at stopovers *for the entire race, to ensure* that some do not enjoy more luxurious conditions than others. Most will stay in cheap hotels here and will take turns to keep watch on the yachts, which are moored off the Yacht Club of Rio de Janeiro.

The *Ocean Rover* crew are being put up in apartments, while those from *Heath Insured II* will enjoy a short holiday, in shifts, at a resort up the coast before the restart on November 20.

When the race was run four years ago, the Rio stopover was marked by a mutiny on *Commercial Union*, whose crew demanded — and got — a new skipper, and by a large amount of drunkenness during the first few days in the bars of Copacabana. Ali McKichan, who was aboard *Commercial Union* last time and is out here working, recalled the lure of Rio after a month at sea.

"The absolute priority is drink, a bath and a good *meal," she said. "These are* things you are really, really desperate for. The crews will have been talking about them for the past week. When you get near Rio, you start smelling the land — it is a time of real excitement on board."



MILES TO RIO DE JANEIRO: 1, Group 4 (85); 2, Toshiba Wave Warrior (124); 3, Concert (151); 4, Save The Children (205); 5, Commercial Union (208); 6, 3Com (246); 7, Motorola (252), 8, Ocean Rover (274), 9, Heath Insured II (279); 10, Nuclear Electric (315), 11, Global Teamwork (423); 12, Pause To Remember (524); 13, Courtaulds Int (590); 14, Time & Tide (648).

BOXING

Board backs Wharton bid

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

HENRY WHARTON, who has been kept waiting for his challenge for the World Boxing Council (WBC) super-middleweight title, may finally get his chance. His claim is being backed by the British Boxing Board of Control at the WBC convention in Buenos Aires. Dr Adrian Whiteson, the vice-chairman of the board, is to put Wharton's case.

After the York boxer's successful defence of his Commonwealth title against Rick Thornberry, of Australia, in Halifax on Wednesday, John Morris, the secretary of the board, said: "No way should Wharton's challenge be held up." Morris did not envisage Wharton having to wait beyond March to meet Robin Reid, who holds the WBC title.

The delay over Wharton's challenge was caused by the WBC giving Thulane Malinga, of South Africa, a rematch with Vincenzo Nardiello as a result of protests by the South Africans when Malinga was beaten by the Italian in July.

It is thought that the WBC will not allow a bout between Malinga and Reid to come before Wharton's challenge. Micky Duff, Wharton's manager, said: "I'm prepared to wait until March. We'd like to fight Reid because he would give Henry no problems."

Wharton's performance against Thornberry did not impress Reid, his manager, Brian Hughes, or Frank Warren, the promoter. Wharton certainly looked reticent for long periods, even though he had Thornberry on the floor in the third and fourth rounds.

Warren said that Wharton would almost certainly have to wait until March for his chance. The promoter was dismissive of the Commonwealth champion's hopes of beating Reid, who he thought would knock Wharton out.

However, Hughes and Reid were more cautious, saying that while Wharton appeared out of touch against Thornberry, he was likely to be a different man when challenging for the title.

☐ Michael Moorer, the International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion, is tipped as the next opponent for Mike Tyson, should Tyson successfully defend his WBC title against Evander Holyfield on November 9.

SNOOKER

Bookmaker changes odds

BY PHIL YATES

FOR the *ninth time*, Tony Drago found the quarter-finals of a world-ranking tournament to be an insurmountable barrier when he was beaten 5-1 by Mark Bennett in the Grand Prix at Bournemouth yesterday.

Bennett, a 300-1 outsider for the £60,000 first prize before his elimination of Peter Ebdon in the opening round last week, again demonstrated the carefree potting style that was such a feature of his 5-3 victory over Steve Davis in the previous round.

In his first appearance in the semi-finals of a ranking tournament since turning professional ten years ago, Bennett will meet Euan Henderson or Tony Jones. Regardless of the outcome, Bennett, of Wales, is already guaranteed £16,000, the largest cheque of his career.

Bennett quickly established a 3-0 lead with breaks of 65, 52 and 45 and cleared the colours, despite their awkward positioning, in two visits in the fourth frame.

Understandably, Drago looked stunned by the quality of play that Bennett, who is only a part-timer, was able to produce.

Drago recovered from a 45-point deficit in the fifth frame to avert the whitewash with a run of 72, but Bennett snatched the next by clipping in the pink from distance.

Bennett, who relieved financial pressure by purchasing a betting office in his native Newport, did not feel it necessary to strike a ball in anger in the two days between beating Davis and playing Drago. Yesterday morning, both his own car and that of a friend failed to start before a third vehicle eventually ferried him from South Wales.

"I knew he was a good player but I didn't realise he was quite that good," John Higgins said, after losing 5-3 to Jones on Wednesday, in what was yet another upset at this most unpredictable of tournaments.

By advancing, Jones did Stephen Hendry an enormous favour as Higgins would have overhauled the world champion at the head of the provisional rankings had he reached the Grand Prix final for the third year in succession.

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RADIO CHOICE

Non-electric shocker

On this Day. *Radio 4 (LW). 10.15am.*

What was the world up to 50 years ago today? For one thing, Britain was still counting the cost of short-lived wartime romances. Illegitimate births soared to 54,000, double the 1939 total. Many babies were black, the result of flings with American servicemen. Mothers of pregnant unmarried daughters called them whores and gave them two days' warning before booting them out of the house. One cinema organist had the shock of his life. Innocent of any wrongdoing, he was blamed for fathering a child born out of wedlock. Elsewhere in Europe, the Vatican denied a plot to kill the Pope, and the Torbay village of Cockington, complete with pub, was sold privately for £500,000, though up for auction.

The Covent Garden Ring. *Radio 3. 7.15pm.*

Wagner splits us clean down the middle. We either love him or hate him. There's no middle ground, unless you count *Ride of the Valkyries* and the Wedding March from *Lohengrin*. Beginning tonight, Radio 3 is the spot on the dial for you if you can say, hand on heart, that you can't have too much of Wagner's *Ring* cycle. These are the current Covent Garden productions, with Haitink conducting. Tonight: *Das Rheingold* with a cast including John Tomlinson's Wotan, Jane Henschel's Fricka and Rita Cullis's Freia. Tomorrow night: *Die Walküre*, and Monday night, it's *Siegfried*, with Siegfried Jerusalem in the title role.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

6.30am Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl Newsbeat **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl Newsbeat **7.00** Essential Selection, with Pete Tong. **10.00** One in the Jungle **12.00** Radio 1 Rap Show, with Tim Westwood **3.00am** Annie Nightingale **5.00** Charlie Jordan, with the Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 2

6.00am Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Kate Adie **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stuart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Today's the Day **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night. From the Hippodrome. Robin Boyle introduces the BBC Concert Orchestra, under Roderick Dunk **9.30** Listen to the Band **10.00** Sheridan Morley **12.05am** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, with David McNeil, incl Sports Bulletin **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **8.30** Friday Sport, with Marcus Buckland **10.05** Paper Talk, with Jay Rayner and Brian Alexander **11.00** Night Extra, with David McNeill, incl at **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night, with Richard Dallyn

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour. **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** World Today **7.30** Bhangra Beat **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Green History of the Planet **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **9.55** Soundbyte ***10.05*** *Business* **10.15** Focus on Faith **10.45** Sport **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Meridian books **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Science in Action **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.05** World Today **6.15** Spotlight **6.30** News in German **6.40** Pop Short **6.45** Sport ***7.30*** *Focus* on Faith **9.05** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** People and Politics **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.10am** Spotlight **12.15** Insider's Guide **12.25** Book Choice **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Meridian Live **4.15** Sport **4.30** The Vintage Chart Show

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Barry Took **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto. Tatini (Cello Concerto in D major) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Classic Showcase **8.00** Evening Concert Lars-Eric Larsson (Pastoral Suite, Op 19); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor, Op 18); Stenhammer (Midwinter, Op 24); Stravinsky (Petrushka) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / (AM) Robin Banks **10.00** Alan Freeman **12.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Fauré (Piano Quintet No 2 in C minor, Op 115); Scriabin (Poem of Ecstasy); Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Schubert (Piano Sonata in F minor, D625)
9.00 Morning Collection. Includes Britten (Matinees Musicales); Balakirev (Symphony No 1 in C)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale); Ravel (L'Heure Espagnole, exc); Brahms (Die Mainacht, Op 43 No 2)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Reger
1.00pm News; Chamber Music from Manchester. Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 76 No 5); Dutilleux (Ainsi la Nuit)
2.00 Sports et Divertissements. By Erik Satie. Joanna MacGregor, piano
2.15 Music Restored (r)
3.00 Mining the Archive. Wolf (Auf der Wanderung). Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, soprano, Ernest Lush, piano. Kodaly (Suite: Hary Janos); Haydn (Piano Trio in D); Shostakovich (Symphony No 8)
5.00 Music Machine. Lucie Skeaping's guide to early instruments concludes with the hurdy-gurdy
5.15 In Tune. Coates (March: Queen Elizabeth) Bach (Prelude and Fugue in B minor, '48' Bk 1);
7.15 The Covent Garden Ring. See Choice
10.00 Hear and Now. The second in a short season from the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London. Recital by American duo James Avery, piano and Steve Schick, percussion. Dieter Mack (Lalangan); Brian Ferneyhough (Bone Alphabet); Charles Wuorinen (Percussion Duo); Mario Davidovsky (Synchronisms No 6); Younghi Pagh-Paan (Pyon-Kyong); Ian Willcock (A Book of Maps) The music is interspersed with two readings of his own texts by Australian vocal artist Chris Mann *I Don't Hate America. I Regret It (S Freud)* and *Virtuoso Thinking for Several Invited Words*
12.00 Composer of the Week: Franck. Tasmin Little talks about modern approaches to his music (r)
1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Du Mont, Clerambault and Daniels **3.00** Bach, Takacs, Saxton and Brahms **4.20** Traditional music

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Jack Charlton (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00 News; At the Shoulder of History (FM) (4/6)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW). See Choice
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme; Weather
1.00 The World At One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The *Mysteries of Udolpho*, by Mrs Ann Radcliffe (2/2) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow sees an important exhibition of Picasso portraiture and celebrates ten years of the bold early music group Fretwork
4.45 Short Story: *The Dream Merchant*, by Penelope Lively . Read by Sara Coward (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Jeremy Nicholas
8.05 Any Questions? Clare Short, MP; Oliver Walston; and Ann Leslie tackle the issues raised in New Romney, Kent
8.50 Law in Action. Marcel Berlins presents his weekly programme on the issues and developments in the law
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 **Kaleidoscope Feature: Alice Walker.** Bonnie Greer talks to the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist (r) ***9.59*** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Jeremy Harris
10.45 Booker at Bedtime. An extract from *A Fine Balance* by Rohinton Mistry
11.00 Week Ending. The topical comedy sketch show
11.25 Tea Junction, with Patrick Hannan and guests
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Primary Colors. The anonymously authored bestseller, read by Clarke Peters (10/10)
1.00 As World Service

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Ooooh, they are awful, but I like them

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Now, we could start with a rehash of some of the better jokes from last night's comic offerings. Never as good the second time, I know, but we could still have a few laughs about Stella in the back of a Saab or what aliens do with torches, couldn't we?

Well no, we couldn't. All those calls from the Editor to field ("Matthew, do you *really* think this goes with the toast and marmalade?"), all those letters from Outraged of Orpington to answer. Frankly, it's just not worth it. Which leaves me with a problem — how do we mark the return of **Is It Legal?** (ITV) and the arrival on terrestrial television of **Third Rock from the Sun** (BBC2)?

I could, I suppose, leave an appropriately sized space on the page and let you use your imagination. But let's face it — if your imagination was up to filling it in the way that Simon Nye's fills *Is it Legal?*, you'd be writing rude sitcoms, not reading about them.

Alternatively, I could fall back on the asterisk, perhaps even making it doubly difficult by not giving you the first and last letters. But no, having tried it with a couple of last night's lines the page would end up looking like a Join the Dots competition. Who wants to watch a programme called *Third **** from the **** anyway?

Or I could just resort to that old standby and solemnly tell you that much of the material therein was not suitable for repetition in a family newspaper... Funny though, wasn't it?

Of the two, *Is it Legal?*, the sitcom set in a suburban solicitors' office, was far the superior. Nye uses the same simple but oh-so-elusive formula that made *Men Behaving Badly*, his other creation, such a success — a very good script delivered by very good actors. Patrick Barlow, Imelda Staunton and Jeremy Clyde provide the comic bedrock and the others sort of fill in the gaps. Rather nicely, as it happens. But also, as it happens, rather rudely.

Too rudely, I am sure some will feel, for a programme that goes out before the 9 o'clock watershed. The three shuddering ******** (eight letters and no, it doesn't begin with "o") that Stella had in the back of that Saab were hardly the stuff of family entertainment. But then the innocent slapstick of Colin (Richard Lumsden) pretending to be Julie Andrews (actually I thought it was Mary Tyler Moore) and sending his briefcase crashing through a sandwich shop window as he spun with the sheer delight of going to work, was. Result, confused children and embarrassed parents. Or is it the other way around?

Wisely, *Third Rock from the Sun*, which has been running for some time on Sky, has been given a post-watershed spot on BBC2. It needs it. For the series provides yet further proof that American sitcoms are no longer sweeter than cherry pie. No two ways about it, the show — about four aliens arriving on Earth and taking on human form as the Solomon family — is rude. Very rude.

It is also quite funny, if you're in the right, rather adolescent mood... and if you're not, well there is always John Lithgow's lovely performance as the head of the family, Dick Solomon, to enjoy. In America he has won awards for it. Over here, we'll just nod approvingly.

Just looking through my notes to see if there were any jokes I can share with you... and... no, I don't think there were. So let's move on and bid a fond farewell to **The Hello Girls** (BBC1).

No jokes, no "smut" and very nearly no plot — the series, based in the Derby Telephone Exchange of 1959, has certainly been different. Which is why it deserves encouragement. Lightweight it may have been, but it was beautifully put together and if you didn't like the storylines, there were always the frocks and the cars to admire. Oh, and the supervisors' lounge. I did like the supervisors' lounge, a tranquil oasis where the tea was always hot and the shortbread always "nice and buttery".

Last night's story was characteristically undemanding and characteristically charming at the same time. *The Telephone Personality Girl of the Year* competition had arrived. According to the fearsome Miss Marriott it was brains and good breeding that counted, "not exposed cleavage and fluttering eyelashes". Drat.

As ever with this series, it was a battle of alliteration. Would it be shy Sylvia Sands, authoritative Annabella Armitage or crafty Chris Cross? Those hours in the library pouring over *Teach Yourself Philosophy* paid off for Chris (Letitia Dean). Who said "I think therefore I am"? That well-known rock 'n' roller, Des Cartes, of course.

She also sang *Dream Lover a cappella* very sweetly and accepted a proposal of marriage from Dick Mandeville (Dastardly was out of the question, I suppose). Endings do not get much happier.

And documentaries do not get more complicated than **Twenty-First Century Fox** (BBC2). Julian Pettifer tied himself in watchable knots as he tried to unravel the pros and cons of fox-hunting, while attempting to remain more or less impartial. He failed on all fronts really — his commentary gave away an "anti" stance rather too often and his arguments (even when aided and abetted by the eloquent Dr David Macdonald of Oxford University) failed to circumvent the central conundrum: that his beloved fox is actually thriving, despite (or just possibly because of) fox-hunting.

After manfully pursuing logic up hill and down dale, his memorable conclusion was: "Hang on to those ambiguities, contradictory though they may be." Told you it was complicated.

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (15748)
7.00 BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceefax) (46019)
9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceefax) (5111564)
9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (2013699)
9.45 KILROY (2836380)
10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (s) (15564)
11.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather (Ceefax) (6427699)
11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (s) (7690477)
11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (s) (1406187)
12.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather (Ceefax) (7059090)
12.05pm ALIAS SMITH AND JONES (r) (8436090)
12.50 THE WEATHER SHOW (65528019)
1.00 NEWS (Ceefax) (49106)
1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (57962903)
1.40 NEIGHBOURS (44929125)
2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (s) (7309)
2.30 PETER SEABROOK'S GARDENING WEEK (s) (941)
3.00 INCOGNITO (s) (6816)
3.30 THE ANIMALS OF FARTHING WOOD (7963816) **3.55 DEAR MR BARKER** (9269941) **4.10 THE REAL ADVENTURES OF JONNY QUEST** (6633903) **4.35 GRANGE HILL** (5098036) **5.00 NEWSROUND** (2913699) **5.10 BLUE PETER** (s) (6002903)
5.35 NEIGHBOURS Phil's hidden passions are revealed (r) (Ceefax) (s) (345212)
6.00 NEWS and weather (670)
6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (922)
7.00 MUPPETS TONIGHT! Miss Piggy lights up Broadway (Ceefax) (s) (603729)
7.25 TOP OF THE POPS (Ceefax) (s) (861632)
8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE Presented by Michael Aspel (7545)
8.30 AUNTIE'S TV FAVOURITES Jill Dando looks at clips from the arts, science, nature, news and sporting events and viewers get the chance to vote for their favourite presenter (Ceefax) (s) (9380)
9.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather (Ceefax) (7390)
9.30 CHOICE DANGERFIELD: Dangerfield and his colleagues are disturbed to hear of a "doctor" who claims to belong to their practice (Ceefax) (s) (848019)
10.20 FILM: Star Trek V: The Final Frontier (1989) starring William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy and DeForest Kelley. Kirk, Spock and McCoy are recalled from holiday on Earth when three consuls on Numbus III are kidnapped by a Vulcan. Directed by William Shatner (871903)
12.05am SNOOKER: GRAND PRIX (3336607)
12.50 FILM: Dr Terror Presents: A Child for Satan (1991) A pregnant woman believes she has fallen foul of demonic forces in New Mexico. Starring Marita Geraghty and Peter Kowanko. Directed by Robert Lieberman and John Schwartzman (1552046)
2.20-2.25 WEATHER (8716201)

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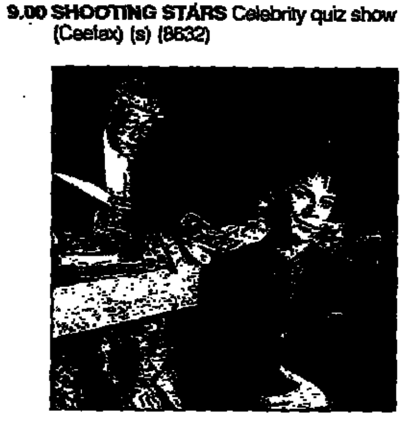
BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: IMAGES OF EDUCATION (7047748) **6.25 A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW** (7059583) **6.50 A SCHOOL FOR OUR TIMES?** (9617380)
7.15 BREAKFAST NEWS (6884748)
7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (4251729) **7.55 SMART** (8310106) **8.20 THE GREEDYSAURUS GANG** (7243274) **8.25 SPIDER** (2981274) **8.35 THE RECORD** (8760380) **9.00 FRENCH EXPERIENCE** (5128854)
9.15 THE BUSINESS STUDIES COLLECTION (493187) **9.45 WATCH** (1455293) **10.00 PLAYDAYS** (23670) **10.30 FIREWORK SAFETY** (13106) **10.30 WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY?** (1593564)
10.45 REVISTA (s) (1598019)
11.00 LOOK AND READ (9269212)
11.20 SHORTCIRCUIT (9123922)
11.40 ENGLISH TIME (1429038)
12.00 ENGLISH FILE (59318)
12.30pm WORKING LUNCH (32729)
1.00 SCENE (47748)
1.30 TECHNOLOGY STARTERS (57984125)
1.45 WORDS AND PICTURES (s) (57972380) **2.00 THE GREEDYSAURUS GANG** (81447090) **2.05 SPIDER** (81448361)
2.10 SPORT ON FRIDAY (351187)
3.55 NEWS (8953922)
4.00 SNOOKER: GRAND PRIX (8274)
6.00 SLIDERS (211293)
6.40 ELECTRIC CIRCUS (381835)
6.55 ROCKY STAR (192038)
7.00 WILDSCREEN 96 Highlights from the wildlife film festival (643859)
7.45 ONE MAN AND HIS DOG The first semi-final of the sheepdog trials and the start of the two-dog brace competition from Combermere, Shropshire (Ceefax) (s) (762598)
8.30 THE ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN. Rosemary Verey demonstrates the importance of colour in a summer garden (Ceefax) (s) (7922)
9.00 SHOOTING STARS Celebrity quiz show (Ceefax) (s) (8632)



Thornton and Clary (9.30pm)

9.30 ALL RISE FOR JULIAN CLARY Julian Clary passes judgment on grievances of the public. With Frank Thornton (Ceefax) (s) (45293)
10.00 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU (16157) Followed by **VIDEO NATION SHORTS** (348816)
10.30 NEWSNIGHT (419941)
11.15 THE A FORCE (908309)
1.15 am WEATHER (2410510)
1.20-2.55 FILM: Tudawali The true story of the first Aboriginal film star who died at 38 in mysterious circumstances. Directed by Steve Jodrell (930355)

CHOICE

Garden Doctors: The Vertical Garden
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The latest challenge for designer Dan Pearson and horticulturalist Steve Bradley is not a garden as such but a series of balconies. They belong to a four-storey block of Victorian flats in Herne Hill, south London, a drab building ripe for transformation. Luckily the residents get on with each other and agree to a planting scheme that will give unity to the building while allowing each level to retain an individual character. Starting from nothing in bleak midwinter, the project comes strikingly to fruition the following summer. Compressing the story into half an hour means a hectic pace with no time to fill in the detail and gives little indication of the considerable amount of work involved. Nor do we get any costings. But there are tips in abundance for those looking to brighten up their gardenless dwellings.

CrimeNet
ITV, 9.00pm

For seven years, viewers in the London region have been enjoying (if that is the word) an equivalent of the BBC's *Crimewatch* called *Crime Monthly*. Now the format goes nationwide, with the same host, Penny Smith, and the same appeals to the public to help the police to solve crimes. But the show is trying not to be a straight copy of its BBC rival. For one thing it is dealing not only with recent crimes but resurrecting cases up to ten years old. One unsolved murder featured tonight is that of a Wakefield mother, Wendy Speakes. *CrimeNet* also follows successful police investigations, highlighting the vital piece of evidence that made the difference, and will demonstrate video enhancement techniques rarely seen on such programmes before. At the moment *CrimeNet* is a one-off but if the viewing figures are good, who knows?

Caroline in the City
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The joke would soon stale if it was done too often but putting characters from one programme into another is still rare enough to be enjoyed. You have to be in the know, of course, and anybody who watches *Caroline in the City* but has never seen *Friends* will wonder what the studio audience is on about when it recognises one Chandler Bing in a video shop. All the more reason for staying with this channel for the next programme, when Chandler features more prominently. And, what meanwhile, of Lea Thompson's feisty cartoonist? Six weeks into its run, the jury is still out on *Caroline*. It is a lively, good-natured show with plenty of surface gloss. But it has yet to say anything original on its chosen theme, the single woman who is glamorous and successful in her job but has chronic boyfriend trouble.

Dangerfield
BBC1, 9.30pm

As usual the police/medical drama tends to cram in too many subplots, but the main one is a cracker. Even at the best of times Nigel Le Vaillant's Dr Dangerfield is rarely without a frown on his face. Now, to add to his usual worries, he is being shadowed by a bogus medic (William Gaminara) who calls on his patients and leaves hair-raising prescriptions. Medicine and detective work could not be more tightly knit and the script milks the enigma for all it is worth. Even the tedious antics of Dangerfield's awkward children can be largely forgotten. But it is bad news that kindly Dr Shaaban (Nadim Sawahla) is flying home to Egypt to be with his sick mother. The show cannot afford to lose one of its staunchest supporting characters.

Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7110125)
9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (2081090)
9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (878274)
10.00 THE TIME... THE PLACE (27496)
10.30 THIS MORNING (27195038)
12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7055274)
12.30 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (3797816)
12.55 MURDER, SHE WROTE (s) (4322090) **2.00 HOME AND AWAY** (Teletext) (s) (27306293) **2.25 CROSSWITS** (Teletext) (s) (27212800) **2.50 YAN CAN COOK** (9401564)
3.20 NEWS (5000564)
3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (5009835)
3.30 JAYS WORLD (9251922) **3.40 THE ADVENTURES OF DAWDLE** (9248458) **3.55 OSCAR AND FRIENDS** (8957748) **4.00 ROGER AND THE ROTTENTROLLS** (8331583) **4.15 HURRICANES** (6650670) **4.40 FUN HOUSE** (8882458)
5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (s) (8806380)
5.40 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (861835)
6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (318729)
6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (576632)
7.00 CATCHPHRASE Roy Walker hosts the quiz (6293)
7.30 CORONATION STREET Jim approaches Liz with what he feels is an offer she can't refuse. Ken makes a shocking discovery in the hotel bathroom (Teletext) (274)
8.00 THE BILL Meadows and Croft interview a young waiter accused of attempting to kill his boss (Teletext) (5941)
8.30 STRANGE BUT TRUE? ENCOUNTERS Presented by Michael Aspel (1748)

Penny Smith presents (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE CRIMENET Penny Smith presents a look at how crime is investigated across the country (Teletext) (s) (6859)
10.00 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (25941)
10.30 HTV NEWS AND WEATHER (601545)
10.40 LATE AND LIVE Interactive talk show hosted by Dave Barrett and Sam Mason (9179903)
12.10 ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS: The Night Caller (7246959)
12.40 ED'S NIGHT PARTY (6059268)
1.10 FUNNY BUSINESS (s) (9773591)
1.40 THE GOOD SEX GUIDE LATE (s) (8643336)
2.40 BUSHELL ON THE BOX (r) (s) (8739152)
3.10 WAR AND REMEMBRANCE Pug accepts reassignment to Moscow after being reunited with Rhoda in Washington and Aaron and Natalie find a shock awaiting them in Paris (346133)
5.00 BEST OF BRITISH MOTORSPORT (r) (37978)
5.30 ITN MORNING NEWS (22959)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:
2.50pm-3.20 ARTYFAX (9401564)
5.10 LET'S GO (2125699)
6.25-7.00 WALES TONIGHT (576632)
10.40 BARRY WELSH IS COMING (431212)
11.10 MAINLY MEN (851336)
11.40 SWIFT JUSTICE (469106)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 CORONATION STREET (3705835)
1.25-1.55 CROSSWITS (16381485)
1.55 HOME AND AWAY (14355187)
2.25 HIGH ROAD (27309380)
2.55-3.20 GARDENERS' DIARY (7122598)
5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8806380)
6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (37274)
10.30 WESTCOUNTRY NEWS (625125)
10.45 CLUB 2245 (539748)
11.45 HIGHLANDER (741212)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55 HOME AND AWAY (3705835)
1.25 CROSSWITS (16381485)
1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (44820800)
5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8806380)
6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (576632)
10.40 CENTRAL WEEKEND LIVE (9179903)
12.10am SLEDGE HAMMER! (7246959)
12.40 COMEDY CENTRAL (7093355)
2.40 CYBER CAFE (4397959)
3.05 HELTER SKELTER (7881201)
3.55 CENTRAL JOBFINDER '96 (9897256)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 CROSSWITS (3705835)
1.25 HOME AND AWAY (16381485)
1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (44820800)
5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8806380)
6.00-7.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (37274)
10.30 MERIDIAN NEWS AND WEATHER (625125)
10.45 A406 (562816)
11.15 THE LOOP (335090)
11.40 STATUS QUO: DON'T STOP (469106)

S4C

Starts: **6.35am THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ** (9621583) **7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST** (39729) **9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** (59390) **9.30 HANGIN' WITH MR COOPER** (4012583) **9.55 BACK TO THE FUTURE** (5628545) **10.20 PINK PANTHER** (4345187) **10.40 THE LEGEND OF WHITE FANG** (8653632) **11.10 Dog City** (9241816) **11.35 ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE** (3457835) **12.00pm TRAVELOG TRAVELS** (22854) **12.30 BACKDATE** (50125) **1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN** (32816) **1.30 FILM: RAMROD** (31951019) **3.20 FRESH POP** (5099458) **3.30 THE LIVING SEA** (496) **4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE** (903) **4.30 DOSH** (187) **5.00 5 PUMP** (4699) **5.30 COUNTDOWN: THE SEARCH FOR THE SUPREME CHAMPION** (767) **6.00 NEWYDDION 6** (200361) **6.05 HENO** (329835) **6.35 JACPOT** (578274) **7.00 POBOL Y CWM** (629767) **7.25 TESTAMENT Y BEIBL WEDI'I ANIMEIDDIO** (887670) **8.00 CEFN GWLAD** (3583) **8.30 NEWYDDION** (2090) **9.00 GLAN HAFREN** (1699) **10.00 BROOKSIDE** (23583) **10.30 RORY BREMNER — WHO ELSE?** (497729) **11.10 TFI FRIDAY** (958813) **12.15am FILM: THE AWAKENING** (529442) **2.10 FILM: THE MUMMY'S SHROUD** (526323) **3.50 FILM: THE GHOUL** (4549881)

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12.30pm BACKDATE (50125)
1.00 SESAME STREET (8547583)
1.55 THE LIVING SEA (14353729)
2.25 FILM: Lizzie (b/w, 1957) Psychological drama with Eleanor Parker. Directed by Hugo Haas (704800)
4.00 FIFTEEN TO ONE (Teletext) (s) (903) **4.30 COUNTDOWN** (Teletext) (s) (187) **5.00 CUTTING EDGE** (r) (Teletext) (3106)
6.00 TFI FRIDAY. The guests include Tom Jones and Jeremy Clarkson (s) (35816)
7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (601187)
7.55 THE SLOT (944748)
8.00 CHOICE GARDEN DOCTORS Dan Pearson and Steve Bradley transform the gardens of a block of London flats (Ceefax) (s) (4/6) (3583)
8.30 BROOKSIDE (Teletext) (s) (2090)

Matthew Perry guests (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE CAROLINE IN THE CITY Annie finds an added attraction when she visits the video shop — a customer by the name of Chandler Bing (Matthew Perry from *Friends*) (Teletext) (s) (6800)
9.30 FRIENDS Monica's boyfriend leaves quite an impression on Chandler and Joey (Teletext) (s) (30361)
10.00 FRASIER Frasier's suggestion that everyone dares to be different to celebrate leap year goes predictably awry (Teletext) (s) (23583)
10.30 RORY BREMNER... WHO ELSE? (s) (497729)
11.10 TFI FRIDAY (r) (s) (958813)
12.15am FILM: The Awakening (1980) with Stephanie Zimbalist and Charlton Heston. An archaeologist's evacuation of an Egyptian tomb has deadly results for his daughter. Directed by Mike Newell (Ceefax) (s) (529442)
2.10 FILM: The Mummy's Shroud (b/w, 1967) with John Philips. A Pharaoh's slave intervenes when an expedition prepares to exhume his master's mummy. Directed by John Gilling (526323)
3.50-5.10 FILM: The Ghoul (b/w, 1933) with Boris Karloff. An Egyptologist who insists on being buried with a jewel he believes will grant him eternal life, promises to return from the dead if the stone is stolen. Directed by T. Hayes Hunter (4549881)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

● For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Directory, published on Saturday

SKY 1

7.00am Love Connection (3328449) 7.20 Press Your Luck (3423093) 7.40 Jeopardy! (3339516) 8.10 Hotel (9487274) 9.00 Another World (1602922) 9.45 The Oprah Winfrey Show (3179941) 10.40 Real TV (2097922) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (1523485) 12.00 Geraldo (99038) 1.00pm One to Three (66309) 3.00 Jenny Jones (63075) 4.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (84632) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (6212) 6.00 The New Adventures of Superman (88922) 7.00 LAPD (7941) 7.30 MASH (8647) 8.00 Just Kidding (3381) 8.30 Coppers (2496) 9.00 Walker, Texas Ranger (25477) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (28564) 11.00 The New Adventures of Superman (33629) 12.00 Midnight Caller (79978) 1.00am LAPD (54268) 1.30 Real TV (61046) 2.00 Hit Mix Long Play (33249)

SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (4883583) 8.00 Nowhere Man (4869903) 9.00 Models Inc (4889767) 10.00 Fire (4892854) 11.00 Late Show with David Letterman (1992632) 12.00 FILM: Enemy Mine (2546046) 2.00am Hit Mix (3853962)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Taking Liberty (1994) (42835) **7.30 The Magnificent Showman (1964)** (50727) **10.00 Windwalker (1980)** (91919) **12.00 Pet Shop (1994)** (50748) **2.00pm Camp Nowhere (1994)** (19816) **4.00 Four Eyes (1991)** (50050309) **5.45 Thunderball (1965)** (57614816) **8.00 Highlander III: The Sorcerer (1994)** ([illegible]) **10.00 Disclosure (1994)** ([illegible]) **12.10am Kickboxer III: The Art of War (1992)** (623107) **1.45 Where the Day Takes You (1992)** (884862) **3.25 Year of the Dragon (1985)** ([illegible])

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am To See Such Fun (1977) ([illegible]) **7.35 Stowaways on the Ark** ([illegible]) **9.00 The Flying Sorceror (1974)** (97800) **10.00 Batman: Mask of the Phantasm (1993)** (72361) **12.00 Spencer's Mountain (1963)** (41090) **2.00pm Two Much Trouble (1994)** (17458) **4.00 A Christmas Carol (1979)** (13570) **5.00 The Flying Sorceror (1974)** (9922) **6.00 Bermuda Triangle (1995)** (92309) **7.30 UK Top 10** (3477) **8.00 Blankman (1994)** (32767) **10.00 Wes Craven's New Nightmare (1994)** (530583) **11.55 Digital Man (1994)** (729598) **1.30am Confessions of a Driving Instructor (1976)** (18713) **3.00 Decadence (1993)** (38978) **4.30 Stowaways on the Ark** (51171)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Easter Parade (1948) (52868941) **5.45 The Young Philadelphians (1959)** (67301854) **8.10 House of Games (1987)** (89996699) **10.00 The Gauntlet (1977)** (9879274) **11.55 A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984)** (1391941) **1.30 A Nightmare on Elm Street II: Freddy's Revenge (1985)** (6144959) **3.00-4.40 A Nightmare on Elm Street III: Dream Warriors (1987)** (7978610)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm.
6.00am Lamb Chop's Play Along! (2307467) 6.25 Under the Umbrella Tree (3752562) 6.50 Baby's Storytime (5022854) 7.15 Mouse Tracks (7073944) 7.40 Darkwing Duck (4822293) 8.05 Aladdin (6934038) 8.30 Bonkers (70564) 9.00 Quack Pack (61816) 9.30 Timon and Pumbaa (78485) 10.00 Darkwing Duck (84854) 10.30 Enchanted Tales: Gulliver's Travels (99380) 11.30 Quack Attack (85309) 12.00 Aladdin (74380) 12.30pm Bonkers (78421) 1.00 Brand Spanking New Doug (91632) 1.30 FILM: Captain's Courageous (2721651) 2.50 Mouse Tracks (3229748) 3.00 Quack Pack (9340274) 3.40 Darkwing Duck (6475767) 4.05 Mighty Ducks (6877922) 4.30 Brand Spanking New Doug (6748) 5.00 Aladdin (1187) 5.30 Ghostwriter (7800) 6.00 Crossbow (4011) 6.30 It's Freaky Friday

SKY SPORTS 1

6.45am Sports Centre (592922) 7.15 Live Rugby League (13705274) 9.30 Horse Racing (77941) 10.00 Soccer (84477) 12.00 Aerobics (27458) 12.30pm Rugby League (67583) 2.00 Golf: US PGA Tour Championship (305496) 4.59 Sports Centre (8192458) 5.00 Soccer (2583) 6.00 Sports Centre (63748) 7.00 Rugby League (34090) 8.30 Live Golf (793813) 11.30 World Sports (87816) 12.00 Wrestling: Raw (82684) 1.00am Sports Centre (12775) 2.00-3.00 Hold the Back Page (43336)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm Rugby Union (8798903) 9.00 Ice Hockey: Power Week (8716767) 10.00 Wrestling: Raw (8719854) 11.00 Big League Classics (7211478) 12.30-1.00am Snooker Cue Masters (2699672)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Surfing (71743800) 1.00pm Soccer (71832748) 2.00 Tight Lines (77792274) 3.00 Baseball (54274748) 6.00 Surfing (71845212) 7.00 Live Soccer (64986632) 10.00 Sports Centre (76411583) 11.00-12.00 Hold the Back Page

EUROSPORT

7.30am Sailing (36670) 8.00 Equestrianism (13903) 9.00 Olympics (25090) 9.30 Motorcycling (79309) 10.00 Modern Pentathlon (32654) 11.00 Motor Sport (12090) 12.00 Boxing (52632) 1.00pm Motor Sport (61390) 2.00 Live Golf (71670) 4.00 Tennis (327458) 6.30 Skiing (54922) 7.30 Live Tennis (191011) 10.00 Golf (58458) 11.00 Olympics (23545) 11.30-12.30am Skiing

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am Runway (4711922) 6.30 Tickle on the Tum (16708361) 6.45 Time for a Story (80954309) 7.00 Alsorts (2280903) 7.15 Tickle on the Tum (6444212) 7.30 Catweazle (2902108) 8.00 Classic Coronation Street (9778380) 8.30 Runway (9777651) 9.00 Families (9768903) 9.30 Albion Market (1971380) 10.00 What the Papers Say (6161729) 10.20 The Day (2393583) 10.30 Nearest and Dearest (9764187) 11.00 Made in Heaven (2911854) 12.00 Scully (9788767) 12.30pm Classic Coronation Street (1982496) 1.00 Adam Smith (2915670) 1.30 Families (1981767) 2.00 This Year, Next Year (2705903) 3.00 Nearest and Dearest (7702729) 3.30 What the Papers Say (8985651) 3.50 The Day (92065748) 4.00 Mapp and Lucia (53336816) 5.15 Families (9210258) 6.00 The Dustbinmen (3866859) 6.30 Classic Coronation Street (5866039) 7.00 Albion Market (7727038) 7.30 Scully (3961403) 8.00 Made in Heaven (2001835) 9.00 The Good Life Guide (31531061) 9.25 Classic Coronation Street (3635361) 10.00-11.00 XYY Man
Men and Motors takes over at 11.00pm

Joe Mantegna and Lindsay Crouse (Sky Movies Gold, 8.10pm)

GRANADA GOOD LIFE

From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street. Includes consumer news and features and Your Stars presented by Russell Grant **From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine.** Includes recipes and ideas from Delia Smith **From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty.** Includes Diet and Fitness. **From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden.** Includes The Good Life Style Guide

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: Andrew Carnegie (8264816) 5.00 The Great Ships (2523854) 6.00 Weapons of War (3327309) 7.00-8.00 Biography: Patton (9710583)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from 8pm-4am Monday to Wednesday and 1am-4am Thursday to Sunday on satellite, and from 8am-4am every day on cable 1.00am Tales of the Unexpected (6378084) 1.30 New Alfred Hitchcock (9775591) 2.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (3379862) 2.30 Rod Serling's Night Gallery (3098997) 3.00 Friday the 13th (6237249) 3.55-4.00 Quarks (16404336)

TLC/DISCOVERY

DISCOVERY takes over at 4.00pm.
9.00am The Joy of Painting (7059645) 9.30 Gardeners' Diary (4429191) 10.00 Two's Country (4235584) 10.30 The House (7055729) 11.00 Homemaker (5639699) 11.30 Craftwise (5527800) 12.00 Julia Child (7079309) 12.30pm Graham Kerr (2901057) 1.00 Yan Can Cook (7637699) 1.30 Home Again, with Bob Vila (3351598) 2.00 Hometime (8630477) 2.30 Garden Club (5346477) 3.00 Screaming Reels (8642212) 3.30-4.00 This Old House, with Steve and Norm (5341922) 4.00 Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (5337729) 4.30 Bush Tucker Man (5359941) 5.00 Time Travellers (8621729) 5.30 Jurassica (5340293) 6.00 Wild Things: Untamed Africa (1351318) 7.00 Next Step (8834293) 7.30 Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers (5350670) 8.00 Shark Week: Legends of Killer Shark (2899835) 9.00 Justice Files (2819699) 10.00 Classic Wheels (2888458) 11.00-12.00 Bullet Catchers (7814748)

UK GOLD

7.00am Lassie (7607458) 7.30 Give Us A Clue (7619293) 8.00 Neighbours (5680212) 8.25 EastEnders (5167835) 9.00 The Bill (7051903) 9.30 Colditz (3430748) 10.30 The Sullivans (7057187) 11.00 The Onedin Line (7628941) 12.00 Sale of the Century (7071767) 12.30pm Neighbours (6407425) 1.00 EastEnders (1130038) 1.35 Bread (1592903) 2.20 Slinger's Day (63965583) 2.50 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (9909800) 3.30 The Bill (5343380) 4.00 Howards' Way (72274632) 5.05 It's a Knockout (54870835) 6.15 Candid Camera Flashes (7215019) 6.25 EastEnders (4955800) 7.00 The Best of Top of the Pops (5025038) 7.40 Pop Profile (4494293) 7.55 Funny You Ask (8675922) 8.25 Ever Decreasing Circles (1205583) 9.00 Casualty (10651835) 10.05 The Bill (5493477) 10.40 Best of Not the Nine O'Clock News (8140699) 11.15 Live at Jongleurs (9221854) 11.45 Miami Vice (3151361) 12.40am FILM: The Price of Vengeance (2760317) 2.15 Shopping

TCC

6.00am Tiny and Crew (2275569) 6.15 Mr Benn (2263654) 6.30 Bertha (73748) 7.00 Barney (65485) 7.30 Toon Room (17670) 8.00 Eek the Cat (84767) 8.30 Dennis the Menace (83036) 9.00 Earthworm Jim (67090) 9.30 Flash Gordon (11309) 10.00 Art Attack (84800) 10.30 Hang Time (63274) 11.00 Ready or Not (80854) 11.30 No Naked Flames / Teenage Urban Adventures (4742767) 12.05pm Sweet Valley High (7926767) 12.40 Dennis the Menace (1535274) 1.15 California Dreams (932651) 1.45 Earthworm Jim (8698632) 2.20 The Babysitters' Club (7206274) 3.00 Hang Time (2816) 3.30 Felix the Cat (2580293) 3.45 Trouble Party (2585748) 4.00 California Dreams (3038) 4.30-5.00 Sweet Valley High (2922)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Grimmy (39800) 6.30 Biker Mice from Mars (89922) 7.00 Mighty Max (37309) 7.30 Rude Dog and the Dweebs (16816) 8.00 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (48941) 8.30 Hey Arnold (47212) 9.00 Rugrats (28748) 10.00 Aaahh! Real Monsters (89274) 10.30 Doug (34748) 11.00 Rocko's Modern Life (44038) 11.30 Wishbone (45767) 12.00 Clarissa Explains it All (45800) 12.30pm Sister Sister (86699) 1.00 The Secret World of Alex Mack (29380) 1.30 Ren and Stimpy (78670) 2.00 Insektors (7038) 2.30 The Adventures of Pete and Pete (3632) 3.00 Doug (6545) 3.30 Bailey Kippers Point of View (5477) 4.00 Sister Sister (323632) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (6941)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes (1854) 7.30 Benson (4125) 8.00 Due South (72309) 9.00 Almost Perfect (24274) 9.30 Taxi (86835) 10.00 Entertainment UK (26729) 10.30 Dr Katz (35477) 11.00 Nightstand (13729) 12.00 Sledge Hammer (95666) 12.30am Kids in the Hall (82268) 1.00 Due South (10317) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight (47969) 2.30 Dr Katz (59794) 3.00-4.00 Nightstand (65268)

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (2600800) 1.00pm Remington Steele (7856908) 2.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (4230019) 3.00 Land of the Giants (5621670) 4.00 FILM: Buona Sera, Mrs Campbell (8640854) 6.00 Joe 90 (53346832) 6.30 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (5358212) 7.00 The Water Margin (2800941) 8.00 Remington Steele (3888361) 9.00 Starsky and Hutch (2808125) 10.00-12.00 FILM: The Evil That Men Do (5620941)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (7588380) 6.55 Super Fresco Fabulosous (69394038) 7.00 Agony Experience (4125019) 7.30 Young and the Restless (8497019) 8.20 A Taste of Wales (1654090) 8.55 Tumbleout (2339854) 9.35 Call the Doctor (5478767) 10.00 Super Fresco Fabulosous (1295822) 10.05 Jerry Springer (8589380) 11.00 Young and the Restless (8675361) 11.55 A Cook's Tour of France II (7235187) 12.25pm Trivial Pursuit (55554093) 12.50 Gabrielle (9143090) 1.40 Rolonda (7184816) 2.30 Agony Experience (7478309) 3.00 Live at Three (7792748) 4.00 Who's Sorry Now? (7452361) 4.30 Talkabout Quiz (3554457) 5.05 Lingo (92107274) 5.30 Lucky Ladders (7472125) 6.00 Bewitched (7479038) 6.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (5947629) 7.05 Amanda's Story (2299767) 7.35 Amanda's Story an Update (5756835) 8.00 General Practice (1367274) 9.00 FILM: The Ann Jillian Story (63999941) 10.50 Super Fresco Fabulosous (1037816) 11.00-12.00 The Sex Files II (4134767)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Blockbusters (7361) 5.30 Treasure Hunt (53816) 6.30 Catchphrase (4767) 7.00 Through the Keyhole (7125) 7.30 Sweet Justice (91651) 8.30 Rising Damp (5380) 9.00 Bergerac (98361) 10.00 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries (31909) 11.00 Only When I Laugh (72835) 11.30 Home to Roost (86212) 12.00 Moonlighting (42862) 1.00am Bergerac (58591) 2.00 Sweet Justice (87794) 3.00 Moonlighting (91084) 4.00 All Together Now (38323) 4.30-5.00 The Black Stallion (15317)

MTV

The 24 hour music channel. Includes news, reviews, live concert footage, interviews and the latest music video charts

VH-1

The video hits channel. Classic rock and pop videos and the best new sounds

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (97298038) 7.30 Life Style East (39069941) 8.30 Campus (18045449) 9.00 Shri Krishna (90045629) 9.30 Chehre (34114816) 10.00 Hasratein (55248477) 10.30 Darya (57954203) 11.00 Zaike Ka Safar (82672545) 11.30 Tén Bhi Chup Main Bhi Chup (82673274) 12.00 Andaz (14445485) 12.30pm Talaash (34118632) 1.00 FILM (27777380) 4.00 Mere Saath Chal (41219019) 4.30 Sona Chandi (41208903) 5.00 Zee Zone (36406583) 5.30 ZEE Presents (61859851) 6.30 ZEE and You (41210748) 7.00 BBCD (36493019) 7.30 Aanaa (41209632) 8.00 News (36402767) 8.30 Antakshari (36481274) 9.00-12.00 Hit Star Season (91437767)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.
9.00pm WCW Nitro: Where the Big Boys Play! (76496274) **9.00 The Spy in the Green Hat (1966)** (76499361) **11.00 The Swordsman of Sienna (1961)** (41871903) **12.40am The Green Slime (1969)** (95677404) **3.20-5.00 The Spy in the Green Hat** (42489591)

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm James Cotton (1353458) 8.00 Johann Strauss's Die Fledermaus (39237748) 11.15 Diabolo (1930583) 12.00-1.00 Tribute to John Coltrane

CARLTON SELECT

5.00pm Blockbusters (92750090) 5.30 All Together Now (21467629) 6.00 Hey Dad (38112552) 6.30 Singles (44417944) 7.00 Boon (76494816) 8.00 Pie in the Sky (76403564) 9.00 Lovejoy (76310900) 10.00 Tales from Sherwood Forest (76493187) 11.00 Girls on Top (27703632) 11.30-12.00 Singles (77795361)

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A grey day in the company of Wolves

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25 1996

Shearer out of operation for six weeks

Shearer: England absentee

By Peter Ball

NEWCASTLE United and England received the news that they did not want yesterday. Alan Shearer, the world's most expensive footballer, went into hospital for an operation on his right groin, and will be out of the game for at least six weeks.

"It looks likely I will miss four [FA Carling] Premiership games, and the England game in Georgia," Shearer said. He had a similar operation in May on his left groin, and was back playing in four weeks then.

With Shearer's partnership with Les Ferdinand beginning to gel, the news could hardly have come at a worse time for club or country. On Sunday, they each scored in Newcastle's 5-0 victory over Manchester United at St James' Park.

"I spoke to Alan on Tuesday, and he told me there was every chance he would need an operation," Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, said. "Obviously, it is an unfortunate situation, but both Alan and I hope that his recovery will be as speedy as it was before Euro 96."

At the least, Shearer will miss England's World Cup qualifying group match in Georgia on November 9, Newcastle's second-round, second-leg Uefa Cup tie with Ferencvaros, four Premiership games, the Coca-Cola Cup fourth-round tie with Middlesbrough and at least the first leg of the third round of the Uefa Cup — if Newcastle get through.

"Before Euro 96, Alan was back after four weeks, but, according to the experts, we are looking at between six and eight weeks," Graham Courtney, the Newcastle press officer, said. "Hopefully, that's the worst scenario, but that's what we must prepare for."

Shearer, predictably, was being optimistic yesterday. "I had the original operation on my left groin in May and was playing for England in just over four weeks," he said.

There were reports, after England's 2-1 win against Poland on October 9, that the operation would be necessary, but they were dismissed at the time. Now, it turns out that the reports were merely premature.

"I felt some twinges around three or four weeks ago, and visited the specialist, who confirmed I had a similar problem with my right groin, which apparently is not unusual in these cases," Shearer said.

At first, Shearer and Newcastle hoped to put off the operation until late in the season. "We tried to nurse him through it, but Alan knew in himself that he could not carry on any more," Terry McDermott, the Newcastle assistant manager, said. "It might have been OK for three weeks, but it might not. Alan wanted it done, and the club has done the right thing."

The timing could have been worse for Newcastle provided that Shearer's optimistic timetable is met. In the next five weekends, their Premiership games do not involve any of the leading teams, with the derby with Middlesbrough the most testing match in a run that includes Leicester City, West Ham United and Chelsea, and the break for the international.

At least Shearer stayed fit long enough to play his part against Manchester United. "The club was advised that, with care, he would be able to continue playing until the end of the season," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said, "but he aggravated it against United."

His efforts in that match took their toll. "The pain had been getting worse in recent games, and was really bad during and after the United game," Shearer said.

Hoddle must now take the England squad to a potentially awkward game in Georgia without his captain and most reliable asset, although he can at least take some consolation from the knowledge that Shearer should be fully operational by the time that England meet Italy in the new year, and more immediately, that Robbie Fowler is back in action and scoring goals for Liverpool.

Newcastle's loss may be greater, although Peter Beardsley, the club captain, and Keegan put a brave face on it yesterday. "Don't forget, we almost won the league without Alan last season and scored goals before he came," Beardsley said.

"It is obviously a blow for us in the championship race," Keegan said, "but we have to believe we've got a squad deep enough and good enough to compensate."

That belief will now be tested. The most obvious replacement is Faustino Asprilla, the Colombia international, Keegan's £7.5 million signing from Parma, but he has lacked consistency and he was substituted against Oldham Athletic on Wednesday when Shearer's absence gave him a rare start.

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Injured Allenby enjoys stroke of good fortune

From John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent, at Valderrama

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Allenby, playing with a fractured sternum, drives from the 1st tee in the Volvo Masters at Valderrama yesterday. It was to be his only shot

AT 8.50 on a damp, foggy morning, as many as 200 spectators were gathered around the first tee here yesterday to watch the golfing equivalent of Scotland's footballers kicking off against Estonia. They wanted to see Robert Allenby, the Australian with the fractured sternum, hit one stroke in the Volvo Masters.

This would be sufficient for him to ensure his share of the bonus money on offer at this event and help to protect his position in this year's order of merit. If he remains third, he will be assured of a place in the three major championships played in the United States in 1997. For an ambitious 25-year-old, who has had the best season of his life, this was a prize worth flying 10,000 miles for.

Fog delayed the start of play for three quarters of an hour but, at 9.34, Allenby put his left hand on his chest and bent gingerly to stick his tee-peg into the ground. He first pretended to withdraw a putter from his bag, then a three-wood, before selecting his driver. With great care, he hit the ball 40 yards, almost all along the ground, shook hands with David Howell, his playing partner, and said: "I'm pulling out, guys." So ended one of the most unusual scenes in the history of the European Tour.

Allenby, who had returned from Melbourne to hit one stroke in this competition in order to satisfy the rules, said later that he was donating the bonus money that he will receive, which could be as much as £73,000, to two charities with which he has connections.

"All the money will be split between the Teenage Cancer Trust in the United Kingdom and the Challenge Cancer Support Network for kids in Australia," Allenby said. "I think these are wonderful charities. Kids are very important. We should help them. They need a chance."

At that, Allenby, who had won three tournaments in Europe before a car accident just down the coast from here ended his season, began his return journey to London and thence to Melbourne, and the real golf was able to begin.

Padraig Harrington has had what can only be described as a dream season. The Dubliner, who was an amateur little more than a year ago, won the Spanish Open in May, and stands eleventh in the order of merit. Within his grasp, if he plays as well next year as he has this, is a place in Severiano Ballesteros's Europe team in the Ryder Cup. A good finish here might be enough for him to become rookie of the year.

Harrington has a knack of attracting attention to himself, even when he is not in contention. For example, he took a 13 on the 17th hole at The Oxfordshire the week after winning in Spain. Yesterday, when most eyes were on Stephen Ames, whose 67 leads the tournament, and when Ian Woosnam broke his putter by banging it carelessly as he walked from the 5th green to the 6th tee and, thereafter, had to putt with a one-iron, Harrington played the first three holes in the eye-catching figures of 4, 3, 1. When he birdied the 5th, he stood four under.

The 3rd is anything but an easy hole. There are no easy holes at Valderrama, merely some holes that are less fiendishly difficult than others. The land falls from right to left and, though the green is flat, the hole has a tendency to shed down a bank to the left any shots that are not accurate. It is a hole on which anyone with a tendency to hook needs to take care.

Harrington's ball was never in any danger. Hit with a seven-iron, it pitched eight feet from the flag and rolled into the hole. He did not see it disappear but soon realised what had happened from the noise of the spectators.

"It wasn't the most important hole in one of my life," Harrington said. "That came when I was partnering my mother in the final of last year's All Ireland Mother and Son competition, which we won. That one really was a hole in one." Harrington scattered a few strokes here and there, as is traditional on this course, before finishing two under par.

Among others who were profligate was Ballesteros. The Europe captain lost his ball on the short 12th and took a six, as well as dropping strokes on the last two holes on his way to a 74.

The 17th is very much Ballesteros's hole after alterations that he had suggested were made before the corresponding event last year. Opinion is divided but Ballesteros, naturally, loves it. "I think it is one of the most dramatic holes on the course," Ballesteros said. "It is certainly good for the spectators."

FIRST ROUND SCORES

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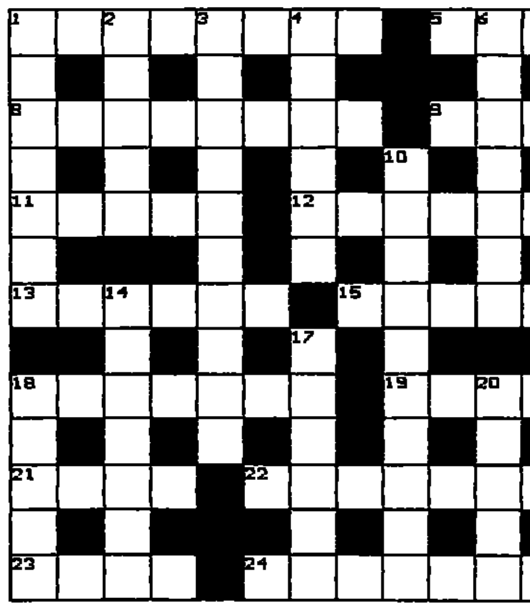
67: S Ames (Trin). 68: P Curry, G Brand Jr 69: P Lawrie, C Rocca (It), J Payne, P Harrington. 70: W Westner (SA), J Lomas, D Carter 71: I Pyman, F Nobilo (NZ), J Coceres (Arg), R Chapman, P-U Johansson (Swe), C Suneson (Sp), T Bjorn (Den), C Montgomerie, L Westwood, R Claydon 72: D Howell, R Green (Aus), D Clarke, M McNulty (Zim), R Russell, G Turner (NZ), G Orr. 73: J Sandelin (Swe), D Gilford, S Torrance, W Riley (Aus), D Frost (SA), M A Martin (Sp), M A Jiménez (Sp), A Coltart, T Johnstone (Zim), B Langer (Ger), P Broadhurst. 74: D Borrego (Sp), P Eales, P Mitchell, A Sherborne, A Oldcorn, S Ballesteros (Sp), P Hedblom (Swe), R Rafferty. 75: P Baker, R Davis (Aus), M Farry (Fr), R Goosen (SA), Zheng Lian-Wei (China). 76: J Haeggman (Swe), D Hospital (Sp), R Drummond, E Romero (Arg), J Spence, I Woosnam, R McFarlane. 77: P Sjoland (Swe), M Davis. 78: A Cejka (Ger), P McGinley. 80: J van de Velde (Fr). 81: D Chopra (Swe), I Garrido (Sp).

Retired: R Allenby (Aus).

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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ACROSS
- 1 Accident victim (8)
- 5 Food *(slang)*: larva (4)
- 8 Hooked (nose) (8)
- 9 Male deer (4)
- 11 Fermented apple drink (5)
- 12 Adjective (7)
- 13 Soapy froth (6)
- 15 To bully: son of Priam (6)
- 18 Prisoner (7)
- 19 Symbolic eg animal (5)
- 21 Female relative (4)
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Schoolboy strides into Test arena

Simon Wilde says Pakistan have never been afraid to fast track youthful cricketing talent

IT LOOKS horribly as though England will be taking a sledgehammer to crack a walnut when they dispatch a full-strength cricket team to tour Zimbabwe next month. At the time the team was chosen, the selectors thought themselves pretty forward thinking in including Chris Silverwood, who is uncapped and 21, but in the past week that decision has been made to look as out-of-date as a photograph of an England team that has won the Ashes.

Last weekend Wasim Akram, the Pakistan captain who had previously averaged 19 for his country, smashed a weak Zimbabwe attack for 257 not out in a Test match in Sheikhupura; yesterday, in the second Test in Faisalabad, Pakistan fielded against them a schoolboy, Hassan Raza, aged 14 years 227 days. No one has ever played in a Test match at a younger age.

In a brief innings at the end of the day, Raza struck four boundaries and reached the close 20 not out as Pakistan replied to Zimbabwe's feeble total of 133 by scoring 114 for three. He resumed this morning with further records in his sights. "This boy is really good. He is a natural. He's confident and not afraid to hit the ball," Mushtaq Mohammad said. The Pakistan coach was previously the youngest Test cricketer (15 years 124 days) and, as of yesterday, still the most youthful century-maker (17 years 82 days).

Two months ago, Raza was rather more predictably a member of his national under-15 team, scoring 80 against India in the under-15 World Cup final at Lord's. But when he returned home he was promoted to under-19 level, at which he hit four centuries in quick succession. Earlier this month he took a brisk 58 off the Zimbabweans and last week scored 96 for his native Karachi.

Mushtaq said the Pakistan management were encouraged to play Raza because Zimbabwe are not a strong side; they would not have done the same thing had they been up against Australia, West Indies or England.

PATRICK EAGAR

Raza in action in the under-15 World Cup final

Pakistan are thoroughly versed in throwing teenagers in at the deep end. Their twelfth man at Sheikhupurua was Shahid Afridi, who earlier this month took a century off Sri Lanka in 37 balls, a record for an international match, in a one-day tournament in Kenya. Afridi is 16.

What is more, Pakistan's policy generally bears fruit, although cynics would suggest this is because some of the players are not as young as is claimed. Certainly, birth dates are rarely verified and Pakistan's youth system encourages falsehoods, but nobody seems to doubt that Raza, a strip of a lad who was given time off school to play in Faisalabad, was indeed born in March 1982.

And so, what of England? If the Prime Minister can do a U-turn on the Queen's Speech in the course of a few hours, what price Ray Illingworth sending Pudsey Juniors to Harare instead?

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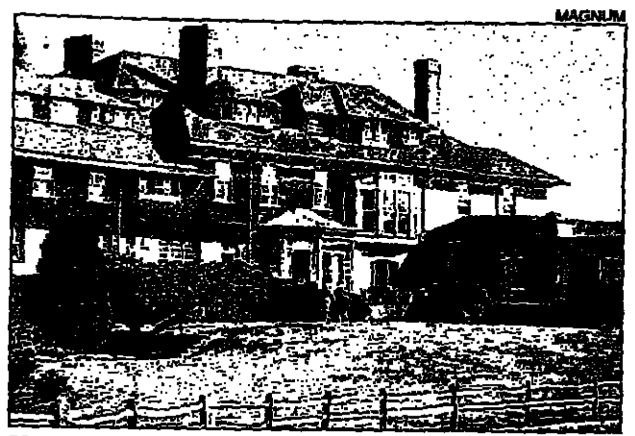
$8m price tag on childhood home of 'Jackie O' that became Rhode Island retreat for pleasure and politics

Kennedy Camelot for sale

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

JACQUELINE KENNEDY'S childhood home, Hammersmith Farm, is for sale. The $8 million (£5 million) asking price for the Rhode Island retreat, which in the early 1960s was known as the "Summer White House", is way above the norm but reflects persisting fascination for all things "Jackie O".

The interior of the house has been preserved, as though in aspic. The black, rotary-dial telephones used by the Kennedys remain in place, as do the love seats used by the courting John and Jacqueline. His seals of office lie on a desk, and her dressing table effects are laid out, ready to use. Their bed has not been slept in for more than 20 years and the rugs and wall hangings retain the scent of history. The estate agent's prospectus refers to the 28-bedroomed, pebble-dashed seaside "cottage" as a "virtual time capsule".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Hammersmith Farm, known as the "Summer White House"

Hammersmith Farm was where the Kennedys held their 1953 wedding reception, when 1,300 guests gathered to celebrate the marriage of the Kennedy clan's political clout and the social pull of old man Auchincloss, Jacqueline Bouvier's stepfather. The newlyweds posed for a memorable photograph by a farm fence.

When JFK took office it was to Hammersmith Farm that the First Couple retired in July and August, there that foreign heads of state would go to find the youthful Democrat President, surrounded by his wife and children and by the heady air of wealthy New England. The dining-room window still slides down into the basement, as it did for Kennedy when he wanted to walk straight from his breakfast table to the helicopter waiting outside on the lawn to convey him back to the Oval Office. By the ocean shore stands the boathouse where, it is said, the young lovers spent many private hours before their marriage.

Christopher Burr, a Massachusetts estate agent who is supervising the sale, agreed yesterday that the Kennedy connection was an important factor in the asking price, but added that Hammersmith Farm is "a very exceptional property in its own right". It has 50 acres of prime land, a west lawn that rolls down to the ocean, and views of the glistening waters of Narragansett Bay where Rhode Island's plutocrats, many of them blithely liberal, put to sea in sleek, teak yachts.

Built in 1887, the farm had a gardening staff of 35 in its heyday, and its greenhouses seem to stretch to the horizon. It has no air-conditioning, swimming pool, modern bathrooms or kitchens. In winter it is as draughty as a sieve. That is because the house has been a museum since 1978, having been bought in 1974 for $825,000 by a consortium of businessmen who pledged to leave the place unchanged. Their decision to sell now comes after the recent success of the Jackie O auction in Manhattan, when members of the public paid thousands of dollars for small mementoes.

The house's architecture is unexceptional — little better than your average Weybridge "gin and Jag" mansion. But the setting is magnificent, making full use of a ridge and the surrounding acres.

Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, visited Hammersmith Farm to discuss world affairs, while Jimmy Cagney dropped by to pinch the children's cheeks and swap yarns with the President. The far-reaching Kennedy family used it as a base for play and politics. Its acres offered horseback riding, sunbathing and connections. It was one of a number of Newport summer "cottages" where the young rich would mingle and match and, without irony, discuss how to rid society of injustice.

More than 25 people have already shown a serious interest in the farm, Mr Burr said. It will be up to the new owner whether to move into the building as a private house, or continue to allow some form of public access. "There is a definite atmosphere there when you enter the house," he said. "Americans have read about this place and seen photographs of it all their lives. By osmosis they feel they know it. The Camelot years were a time that perhaps we feel we may never recover."

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Jacqueline Kennedy descends the stairs at Hammersmith Farm on her wedding day

Doll lover gives £63m to charity

AN INTENSELY private woman whose only indulgence was collecting dolls has stunned the charity world a year after her death by leaving $98 million (£63 million) to the Crippled Children's Society and three hospitals (Giles Whittell writes).

The only clue during her lifetime to Agnes Plumb's huge wealth was an item on every list she gave a friend who did her shopping for her: Cornflakes. Ms Plumb's fortune was in an inherited holding of 1.3 million shares in the Kellogg's cereal giant.

"We're awestruck," Marilyn Graves, president of the Crippled Children's Society, said on learning of Ms Plumb's $22.5 million bequest, the biggest in the society's 70-year history. The Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital, the Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and a Los Angeles medical school also received $22.5 million each.

Ms Plumb never married and had a collection of 2,000 antique dolls.

Activist dies in fireball of protest

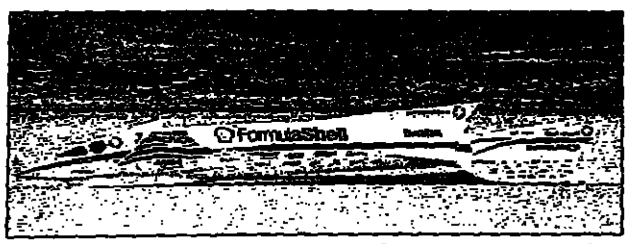
New York: Students at the University of Pennsylvania looked on in horror as a woman set fire to herself to protest against social injustice (Quentin Letts writes).

About 50 undergraduates heading for lectures in the middle of the day saw Kathleen Chang, 46, douse her body with petrol and then set herself alight with a match.

A university security guard tried in vain to extinguish the flames with his jacket. Mrs Chang was certified dead at a hospital 25 minutes later.

Mrs Chang was a familiar figure on the campus. She was a quirky political activist who complained about the politics of the West and called for social justice.

Before her death she handed out packages including an open letter which said: "My real intention is to spark a discussion of how we can peacefully transform our world ... I truly believe my death will make people more sympathetic towards me and interested in my work and ideas."



Craig Breedlove testing *Spirit of America* in Nevada

Jet car races to beat land speed record

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

STREAKING across the Black Rock Desert in northern Nevada, the veteran American driver Craig Breedlove has been testing his new 48,000-horsepower jet car in preparation for a world land speed record attempt as early as tomorrow.

After engine tests on the more famous Bonneville salt flats in Utah earlier this month, Mr Breedlove, 59, moved with his entourage to Black Rock for the extra space: at speeds of more than 700mph, he will need a straight track at least ten miles long. Because of thinning salt, the Bonneville speedway has shrunk to just seven miles.

The current land speed record of 633 mph has not been threatened since being set in 1983 by Britain's Richard Noble, who is hoping to defend it later this year or early next with a new car, the twin-engined Thrust SSC.

Mr Breedlove's *Spirit of America* is powered by a single J79 engine identical to those used in Phantom jets. The same model powered him to five new records between 1963 and 1965, when he became the first driver to break the 400 mph, 500 mph and 600 mph barriers.

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Memory of Rabin murder leaves Israelis divided

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

KHALED ZIGHARI

An Orthodox Jew passes posters of Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Israeli leader, near Jaffa gate leading to old Jerusalem yesterday

A SOMBRE and politically divided Israel yesterday marked the first anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour Prime Minister, amid reports that death threats against public figures from fellow Jews have reached record levels.

Hours before joining national leaders placing wreaths on Mr Rabin's tomb on Mount Herzl, Dan Tichon, the Knesset Speaker, spoke of a spate of threats — most from extremists opposed to the peace process — passed to the General Security Service (GSS) for investigation. He said the atmosphere in the country was worse than on the eve of Mr Rabin's murder by a fanatical religious Jew.

A senior security official said: "Never before has there built up at the GSS [the Israeli equivalent of MI5] a number of warnings so widespread and so severe, which relate to the physical harming of Israelis by Jewish elements, as in the recent period. In order to foil any such attempt, the GSS is stretching all its limbs."

Among those who have received death threats which are being treated seriously is Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, who was accused in an anonymous fax of "treason" because of his determination to press ahead with elements of the 1993 peace accord.

Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister, who is hated by the far Right because of his willingness to withdraw troops from Hebron, has received extra protection, along with prominent leftwingers such as Shimon Peres, the former Labour Prime Minister, and Yossi Sarid, the leader of the pro-peace Meretz party.

Also threatened with death, as a deal over Hebron inches closer, was Yael Dayan, a Labour deputy and daughter of Moshe Dayan, the late war hero. She suffered second-degree burns this week when a supporter of right-wing Jewish settlers in Hebron threw scalding tea over her.

"The shocking attack on Yael Dayan shows how dismally the country has failed to learn the lessons of Rabin's murder," *The Jerusalem Post* said yesterday.

Such divisions dogged many of the emotional cermonies, services and marches to commemorate the first anniversary of Rabin's November 4 assassination according to the Hebrew calendar.

"The murder did not succeed in creating a common experience for all the public," said the daily *Haaretz*. "On the contrary, each side became more fortified in its position."

Left and Right even wrangled over how the murder should be marked. Yesterday the High Court ruled against a petition to make the anniversary a memorial day after right-wing MPs overruled a Labour initiative in the Knesset.

Earlier Mr Netanyahu's right-wing Government declined a request from the still grieving Rabin family for a day of mourning. In response, the family, which has held Mr Netanyahu partly responsible for the political tension leading up to the murder, requested that the Prime Minister should not speak at yesterday's graveside ceremony attended by 1,000 guests. Leah Rabin, the widow, hid her emotions behind dark glasses as Mr Netanyahu placed his wreath beside the eternal flame burning at the grave, but close friends said that she has lost none of her antipathy for the Prime Minister. "One cannot ignore, one cannot forget, that many of the right-wing leaders participated [in anti-Rabin demonstrations] and that is a reality we have to live with," said her son, Yuval Rabin, 41.

Youth groups on both sides of the political spectrum bickered over the lyrics of a peace song due to be sung at a Defence Ministry memorial ceremony on Sunday. Even new bumper stickers with the Hebrew words "*Chaver, ata haser*" — meaning "You are missed, friend" — are divisive, being seen as criticism of Mr Netanyahu.

Talks by military chiefs aim to ease tension in Cyprus

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

COMMANDERS of the rival Greek Cypriot National Guard and the Turkish Army in Cyprus have begun unprecedented proximity talks aimed at reducing tension on the divided island, United Nations officials said yesterday.

Success ahead of a proposed visit here in December by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, could boost a determined British effort to reunite Cyprus.

The talks come after one of the worst periods of violence since Cyprus was split 22 years ago. The deaths since June of four Greek Cypriots and one Turkish Cypriot along the island-wide buffer zone deepened the bitterness and led to fears of a wider conflict between Nato's feuding members, Greece and Turkey.

United Nations mediators are conducting the talks indirectly and have made three specific proposals. They want a ban on soldiers carrying loaded weapons along the buffer zone, a pullback from the most volatile areas of the 110-mile dividing line and a code of conduct that outlaws the use of force except in self defence. If these proximity talks succeed — and analysts were optimistic they would — it could really help progress towards a broader settlement by building trust between the two communities, Gustave Feissel, the UN's most senior representative in Nicosia, said.

The talks represent a modest but significant breakthrough. Madeleine Albright, America's Ambassador to the UN, believed she had persuaded the rival military commanders to hold direct talks when she was here in July, before the worst of the recent violence. But the meeting was blocked by wrangling over protocol.

Britain, as a guarantor power and former colonial master that still has bases there, will demonstrate its commitment when Mr Rifkind arrives. He will be accompanied by Sir David Hannay, a former UN ambassador who was recalled from retirement to become London's first special representative to Cyprus.

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Islamic warriors strike back as general's forces move heavy weapons closer to Kabul

Taleban bomb raid kills 40 civilians

Kabul's besiegers are hoping for an uprising in the capital, reports
Michael Dynes in Bagram

INDISCRIMINATE bombing by Taleban warplanes left more than 40 civilians dead and an unknown number wounded yesterday in the mud-walled village of Kalakan, north of Kabul, as the forces of Ahmed Shah Masood tightened their grip on the city.

The sound of anti-aircraft fire from the nearby towns of Charikar and Jabal-os-Siraj, reverberated around the Hindu Kush mountains, as women and children ran screaming from their bombed-out houses a few miles from the front line.

One of the Taleban bombs destroyed the house of Shir Hakim, 25, killing his wife and four of his children. About a dozen of his neighbours were digging frantically in search of his son, buried alive under the rubble.

Overcome with grief, Mr Hakim cried: "Taleban are criminal people. They are taking their orders from Pakistan. What can I do now? I will have to put up a tent in the desert. There is no place for me to stay."

As the injured were ferried to hospital, another Taleban bomb fell near mourners burying their dead. Tanks, multiple-barrelled missile launchers and troops on old buses rumbled through the village on their way to reinforce General Masood's positions in the mountains overlooking the city.

Later, during a military briefing at Bagram airbase, 40 miles north of Kabul, Abdul Nasser Zia, a fighter in General Masood's 40th Division, said he did not think Taleban could hold on to the capital much longer.

"We are very close to Kabul", he said. "Our heavy weapons are in place, and we could bombard the city at any time. But we have decided to join the revolt of the people. We do not want to spill blood in the city like Taleban."

Fear of heavy civilian casualties has inhibited General Masood from launching a full-scale frontal assault on Kabul. He now appears to be smuggling arms to the city in a bid to foment a popular uprising against Taleban.

General Masood's sweep south from the Panjshir Valley to the gates of Kabul had been assisted by a series of revolts in towns and villages all the way from the Salang highway to Bagram. These have been provoked by the extent of Taleban brutality.

UN sources estimate that more than 2,000 members of the Taleban militia had been killed since Kabul fell to the black-bearded Pashtun militants in September. General Masood's forces now hold more than 700 Taleban militia prisoners. An unknown number were also shot by villagers in retaliation for the murder of relatives.

Local commanders claim that General Masood has 10,000 fighters laying siege to the city on two fronts. One is in the northeast, about ten miles from the centre of Kabul, while the other group is closing in from the north.

Burnt-out metal carcasses of Taleban militia tanks and troop carriers litter the road between Salang and Bagram in the wake of heavy fighting as General Masood's Tajik Mujahidin pushed the Taleban back from their Panjshir Valley stronghold.

The forces of Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern Uzbek warlord, who founded his alliance with General Masood in the town of Khenjan last week, now have complete control of the Salang Tunnel. General Dostum's commanders claim to have 5,000 troops stationed behind General Masood's forces with a further 9,000 in reserve.

General Dostum's Jumbesh soldiers are headquartered in Charikar, and are clearly engaged in close and extensive co-operation with General Masood. General Dostum's soldiers are under orders not to show themselves at the front line, but they clearly have a substantial presence at Bagram airbase.

☐ **Kabul:** Taleban militia fighters said yesterday that the front line had not moved for the third day running, despite a series of attacks on Wednesday by General Masood. They said the fighting would go on, confirming the opinion of Afghan watchers in Kabul who said ceasefire talks appeared near to collapse, making a new push on the city by anti-Taleban forces increasingly likely. *(Reuter)*

ADRIAN BROOKS

Women and their children flee the village of Kalakan, north of Kabul, after bombs dropped by Taleban planes left a death toll of 40 yesterday

WORLD SUMMARY

Corsicans held over Juppé blast

Paris: Twelve Corsican suspects were arrested yesterday in connection with the bombing on October 5 of the mayoral offices in Bordeaux of Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister (Ben Macintyre writes).

Jean-Louis Bruguière, the anti-terrorism judge, authorised raids involving police units from Bordeaux, Marseilles and Paris. Judicial sources said the suspects are all linked to the "historic wing" of the banned Corsican National Liberation Front.

Turkish attacks claim 41 Kurds

Diyarbakir, Turkey: Turkish troops killed 41 Kurdish rebels in a pre-winter offensive, regional officials said. Clashes with the guerrillas took place in five eastern and southeastern provinces, the regional governor's office said.

It is not known when the attacks occurred, but the rebels have been fighting for autonomy in the southeast since 1984. More than 21,000 people have died. *(AP)*

Tokyo cult guru 'in padded cell'

Tokyo: The doomsday cult leader on trial for the Tokyo subway gas attack was taken to a padded cell last week after shouting and beating on the doors of his regular cell, according to media reports. Shoko Asahara flew into a rage after a court session last Friday in which he first said he took full responsibility for the attack by his Aum Shinrikyo cult and then declared his innocence. *(Reuter)*

Hunt for killer waxes and wanes

Lyons: French police launched a manhunt after finding gory photos of an apparent mass murder in an abandoned car.

Tracing the car's teenage owner, they mounted an armed raid on a family home here. The bewildered 15-year-old explained he had taken the snaps during a school trip to the chamber of horrors at Madame Tussaud's. *(AFP)*

Ban on women lifted to allow orphans touch of human kindness

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
IN KABUL

KABUL orphanage has eight days' food left, there is no heating oil as night temperatures nudge freezing point and the tiny clinic possesses not so much as a headache pill. But there is one piece of good news from this sorry institution: Taleban has compromised its principles and allowed four women to tend the youngest children.

It is a modest and inadequate gesture, but it has enabled babies to be washed and held. Until this concession they were all but ignored, given the cultural impossibility of men nursing or bathing a child. The change came after a visit by a Taleban mullah who promised to look into the orphanage's many problems.

Abu Muslim Mokhtar, the administrator, has a list of grievances: he has received no money since Taleban invaded on September 27; he needs plastic sheeting to cover windows without glass, winter clothing for the children and oil for the boilers; he would like to give the children some meat; he needs cooking fuel. It goes on.

The last meat the children ate was camel, the cheapest available, and that was five months ago. Funding was always erratic and now is non-existent. This week the United Nations Children's Fund saved the orphanage from catastrophe with a delivery of wheat, pulse, vegetable oil and sugar.

"We are grateful for this, but it is not enough," Mr Mokhtar said. "The children can survive on it, there will be no starvation, but they need more. We cannot get any money because there are no banks in Afghanistan any more. Nobody seems to care about us."

Water is being heated by wood fires, enabling each child to have one hot shower a week. Children aged ten and over have started doing the laundry to save on outside washing. It costs 9,500 afghanis (30p) a day to feed each child, but there is no money left. The staff have not been paid for weeks. "We have faith that we will receive more food soon," Mr Mokhtar said.

The population of the institution has plunged from 800 to 660 in the past ten days because many children are being taken away by guardians fleeing Kabul for fear of a counter-attack by the forces of the former Government. This has taken some pressure off resources but the situation remains critical.

Three years ago the orphanage had a proper building — the present one is a half-built military barracks, which explains the missing windows — but the children had to be moved out because it was in the line of fire during an earlier power battle in Kabul. Nothing is sacred in Afghanistan's civil war.

The emotional problems of many of the children are clearly evident, but there are no psychiatric facilities in Kabul. "Many scream out or crawl under the bed if they hear a distant rifle shot," Mr Mokhtar said. "They are traumatised."

There is a clinic with 17 beds, but no instruments, no medicines, no doctors. The four overworked women do most of the nursing. A doctor, his fee paid by a German charity, visits three days a week. There used to be a resident dentist but, as a woman, she cannot work any more.

Two days ago a Taleban mullah toured the orphanage to see what was going on and asked to see the pharmacy. He was escorted to a room with bare shelves. He promised to do something about that.

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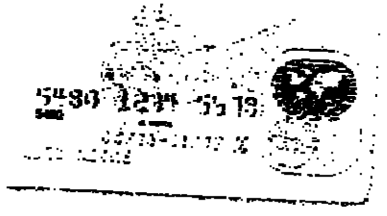

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Pope places some faith in Darwin's theory of evolution

From Richard Owen in Rome

THE Pope risked the wrath of the religious Right yesterday by declaring that Darwin's theory of evolution was compatible with Christian faith. In a message to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, which advises the Vatican on scientific matters, the Pope said the *theory of natural selection was* "more than just a hypothesis".

The Pope, who appears fully recovered from his appendix operation two weeks ago, was responding to requests for clarification from the 80-member Academy, which is holding its 60th anniversary meeting on "Evolution And The Origins Of Life".

Darwin's theories, as formulated in Origin Of Species By Natural Selection and *The Descent Of Man* led to bitter controversy in the late 19th century, with leading churchmen denouncing them as incompatible with the account given in Genesis.

Pope Pius XII broached the subject in 1950 in his encyclical *Humani Generis*, indicating that the Church should not reject Darwin's "serious hypothesis" *out of hand. But he* said that it could be misused by Communist "dialectical materialists" whose aim was "to remove any notion of God from people's minds".

Pope John *Paul II* went further than Pius XII yesterday, saying: "It is noteworthy that the theory of evolution has progressively taken root in the minds of researchers following a series of discoveries *in different disciplines.*"

He added: "The convergence, neither sought nor provoked, of results of studies undertaken independently from each other in itself constitutes a significant argument in favour of the theory [of evolution]."

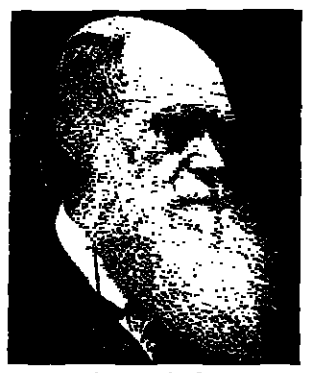
The Pope appeared to sidestep the vexed theological question of whether, if the theory *of evolution from* apes and *Australopithecus afarensis* through Neanderthal man to *Homo sapiens* is correct, creatures before modern man had souls.

But he said that, whatever *man's origins, his soul was* a divine creation, declaring: "If the human body has its origin in pre-existing living matter, the spiritual soul is immediately created by God." No theory was acceptable which held that the spirit emerged from "the forces of living material".

Marghareta Hack, a leading *Italian astronomer, said* the pronouncement was an important step "because for the first time the Church is *accepting evolution as a proven fact*".

· Francesco Barone, a scientific philosopher, told *Il Messaggero* that, after Galileo's rehabilitation, acceptance of evolutionary theory was the latest in a series of steps which were "mending the tears" in the Church's relationship with science.

Opposition to Darwinism remains staunch in the American Bible Belt.



Darwin: evolution has become "compatible"

Poland liberalises abortion law

Warsaw: The Left-dominated *Polish parliament voted yesterday* to liberalise the toughest anti-abortion law in Europe by allowing women to *have terminations if they face* difficult financial or personal conditions (Patricia Koza writes).

The Sejm, or lower house, passed the amendment 228-195, *with 16 abstentions*, despite strong lobbying by the Roman Catholic Church and a warning by the Polish-born Pope *in a recent Sunday* address from Rome that a nation which permits abortions is "a nation without a future".

President Kwasniewski, *who made liberalisation of the* 1993 law a campaign pledge last year in the presidential elections, has promised to sign *the Bill*. The measure permits women to have abortions up to the 12th week of pregnancy, following consultation with another doctor.

HERVE CHAMPOLLION

The monastery of Grande Chartreuse, where the recipe for the "vegetable elixir" has been guarded since 1605

Juppé tax stirs trouble for monks

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

THE French Government's austerity drive has run into an unexpectedly sticky problem involving the monks of Chartreuse, whose profits from the famous green liqueur will be affected by plans to raise taxes on spirits.

In his 1997 budget Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, proposes to increase the tax payable on all spirits by 17.1 per cent, with the result that the monks of La Grande Chartreuse, who as Carthusians have observed a vow of poverty for 900 years, are *likely to become dramatically* poorer next year.

"If MPs vote through this tax rise, it is going to have a major effect on the dues we pay to the monks," Jean-Marc Roget, president of Chartreuse Diffusion, the company licensed to sell the drink, said this week. The Government claims that raising taxes on spirits will help to fight alcoholism, but M Roget pointed out that Chartreuse, a sophisticated and expensive tipple, is hardly the first choice of dipsomaniacs: in Britain a half-litre bottle costs £20.

Chartreuse, which comes in both green and yellow versions, is made from a mixture of 130 medicinal plants and herbs and dates back to 1605 when the Marshal d'Estreé presented the original recipe *for this potent* "vegetable elixir" to the monastic order.

The secret of what goes into Chartreuse has been jealously guarded by the monks ever since in their vast monastery, La Grande Chartreuse, near Grenoble. The monastery was founded in 1084, and the order has outposts in 22 other sites, including Italy, Spain and *Parkminster in East Sussex.*

One million bottles of Chartreuse are sold every year and, with an annual turnover of Fr38 million (£5 million), profits from the sale of the liqueur provide the financial mainstay of the order.

M Juppé's popularity has sunk to near-record lows, according to the latest polls, and a survey by *Paris Match* published yesterday showed that less than one in five voters is happy with the way *France is being run*. But M Juppé, surrounded by the clamour of opposition, is unlikely to receive any vocal criticism from the makers of France's celebrated green liqueur.

The monks of La Grande Chartreuse are a silent order.

Chartreuse liqueur: a very expensive tipple

Italy out of tune with operatic repertoire

From Richard Owen in Rome

THE MYTH that Italy is a nation of opera *cognoscenti* was punctured yesterday by an opinion poll showing that more than half of the Italians *questioned thought* Verdi's *Aida* was composed by Beethoven. Conversely, a similar percentage thought that Bizet's *Carmen* was by Verdi.

The poll, carried out by a record company and published in *Corriere della Sera*, was based on a sample of 1,500 people, aged between 18 and 65. "It goes to show that we Italians are not as much of a musical nation as we thought," the newspaper said.

Asked who composed Aida, 52 per cent said Beethoven, 31 per cent Verdi and 8 per cent guessed Rossini. For *La Traviata*, 48 per cent correctly named Verdi, but 38 per cent said Rossini and 11 per cent Bellini. Fifty-four per cent thought Verdi, rather than Bizet, wrote *Carmen*, and 35 per cent had no idea who *wrote it*.

There was more success with *The Barber of Seville*, which 59 per cent rightly identified *as the work of Rossini*, although 29 per cent attributed it to Mozart and 12 per cent to Verdi. Twenty-six per cent of respondents thought *Swan Lake* was composed by Mozart, rather than Tchaikovsky.

"The ignorance of Verdi is particularly alarming given his role in the formation of our nation," a music critic said. Verdi was not only a composer of genius, but also a passionate supporter of Italian unity during the Risorgimento.

Nearly all those questioned claimed that they listened to music for at least an hour day, but the music in question appeared largely to consist of Italian pop music. Asked who best represented Italian music abroad, 19 per cent opted for Luciano Pavarotti, the celebrated tenor, and some suggested the conductors, *Riccardo Muti and Claudio* Abbado. But most offered the names of Italian pop stars such as Zucchero and Enzo Ramazzotti.

Nearly all those questioned said their favourite foreign singer was Frank Sinatra and the poll revealed that most Italians are familar with cinema soundtracks, including the music for *Pulp Fiction*, *The Bodyguard* and *Il Postino*. Most also have some knowledge of church music. But almost none of those questioned knew that *Ave Maria*, obligatory at every Italian wedding, was by Schubert.

The poll attempted to salvage something of Italy's musical reputation by revealing that a majority of Italians sing in the shower, the most popular shower-time hit being Domenico Modugno's *Volare*.

Britain joins protest over Burma arrest

From Reuter in Rangoon

BRITAIN *last night* joined growing international protests over the seizure by Burma's ruling junta of a top official in Aung San Suu Kyi's opposition party.

A *Foreign Office spokesman* said Britain was deeply concerned about the detention of Kyi Maung, 75, deputy chairman of *Daw Suu Kyi's* National League for Democracy (NLD) party.

He was arrested on Wednesday for his involvement in a student protest this week, according to a senior Burmese government official. However, America and Amnesty International called for his immediate release. Washington urged *the military authorities to start* a dialogue with the Opposition on the country's future.

"That's a very disturbing scene to see a peaceful student demonstration turned into a situation where arrests are made [and] people are held without any kind of charge against them," Nicholas Burns, the *State Department* spokesman said. "This reflects the brutality of the Burmese Government."

Amnesty, the London-based human rights organisation, said Mr Kyi had done nothing *more than call for peaceful* political change. "His arrest is an outrage and he should be released immediately," it said.

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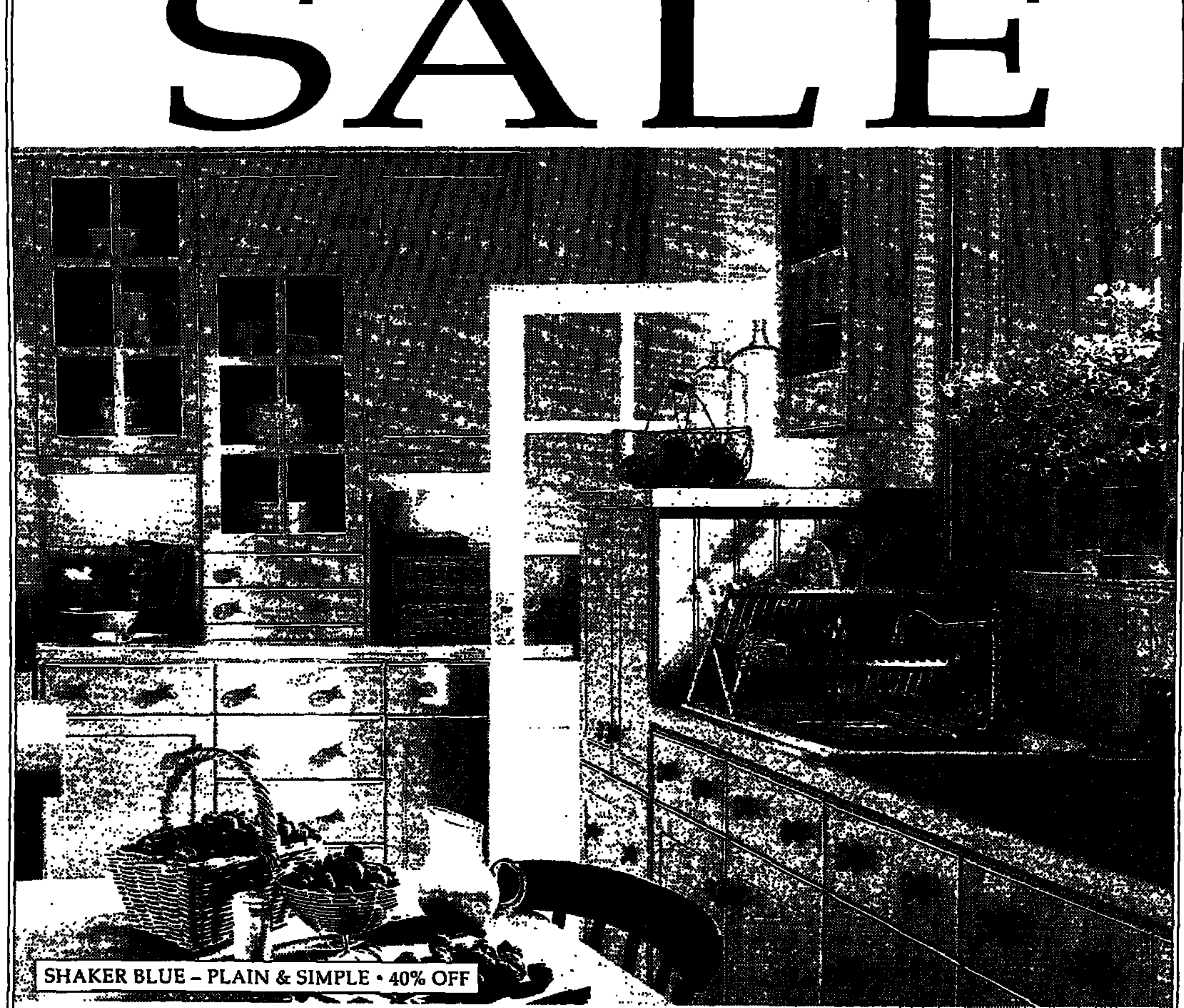

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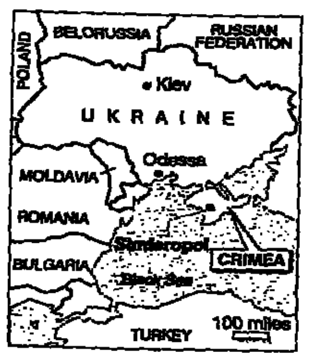
Russia agrees to share Black Sea fleet with Ukraine

From Richard Beeston in Moscow



RUSSIA and Ukraine announced yesterday that they had resolved how to divide the Black Sea Fleet, a question which has cast a shadow over relations between the two countries since the break-up of the Soviet Union.

Speaking after a meeting outside Moscow with President Yeltsin, Leonid Kuchma, the visiting Ukrainian President, said that a formal agreement would be signed in Kiev by November 15 to put the two nations' differences behind them.

"The Presidents reached agreement on all questions," Sergei Yastrzhembsky, a presidential spokesman, said. "Before the middle of November it is expected that Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, will visit Kiev, at which time a number of agreements will be signed on splitting up the fleet, where it will be based, and so on."

If true, the announcement would mark a significant breakthrough, although many observers remained sceptical, noting that the two sides have tried and failed in the past to resolve the issue. Notably, President Yeltsin has postponed six scheduled visits to Kiev over the past 20 months to sign a proposed "friendship treaty", which has yet to materialise.

At stake in the custody battle is a rusting fleet of 400 vessels which was once part of the mighty Soviet Navy. After the break-up of the Soviet Union, the Crimean peninsula, including the Black Sea Fleet's headquarters at Sevastopol, became part of an independent Ukraine.

For Russians, particularly nationalists, the fleet, the port and the entire Crimea are regarded as part of Russia, even though the peninsula was transferred to Ukraine by Khrushchev's order in 1954.

Although President Yeltsin has made it clear that he wants the matter to be resolved, Russian nationalists seem determined to scuttle any talk of a compromise with Ukraine. Only hours before President Kuchma arrived in Moscow, the Duma, the lower house of the Russian parliament, passed a unanimous motion claiming sovereignty over Sevastopol, a city founded by Catherine the Great and which has a majority Russian population.

"Sevastopol was, is and will be the main naval base of Russia's Black Sea Fleet. Unilateral moves by Ukraine to divide it will lead not just to the division but the destruction of the Black Sea Fleet — and the Duma believes the division of the fleet must be stopped," the motion read.

The Duma's claim to Sevastopol was supported by a 1948 Soviet decree which placed the city under Moscow's direct rule. The issue has been clouded by the politically charged atmosphere in Moscow ahead of President Yeltsin's heart transplant operation next month, which has seen potential Russian presidential candidates jockeying for position.

General Aleksandr Lebed, the dismissed former security adviser, has spoken out against any concessions to Kiev, a point made even more forcefully by Yuri Luzhkov, the powerful Mayor of Moscow, regarded as another presidential hopeful.

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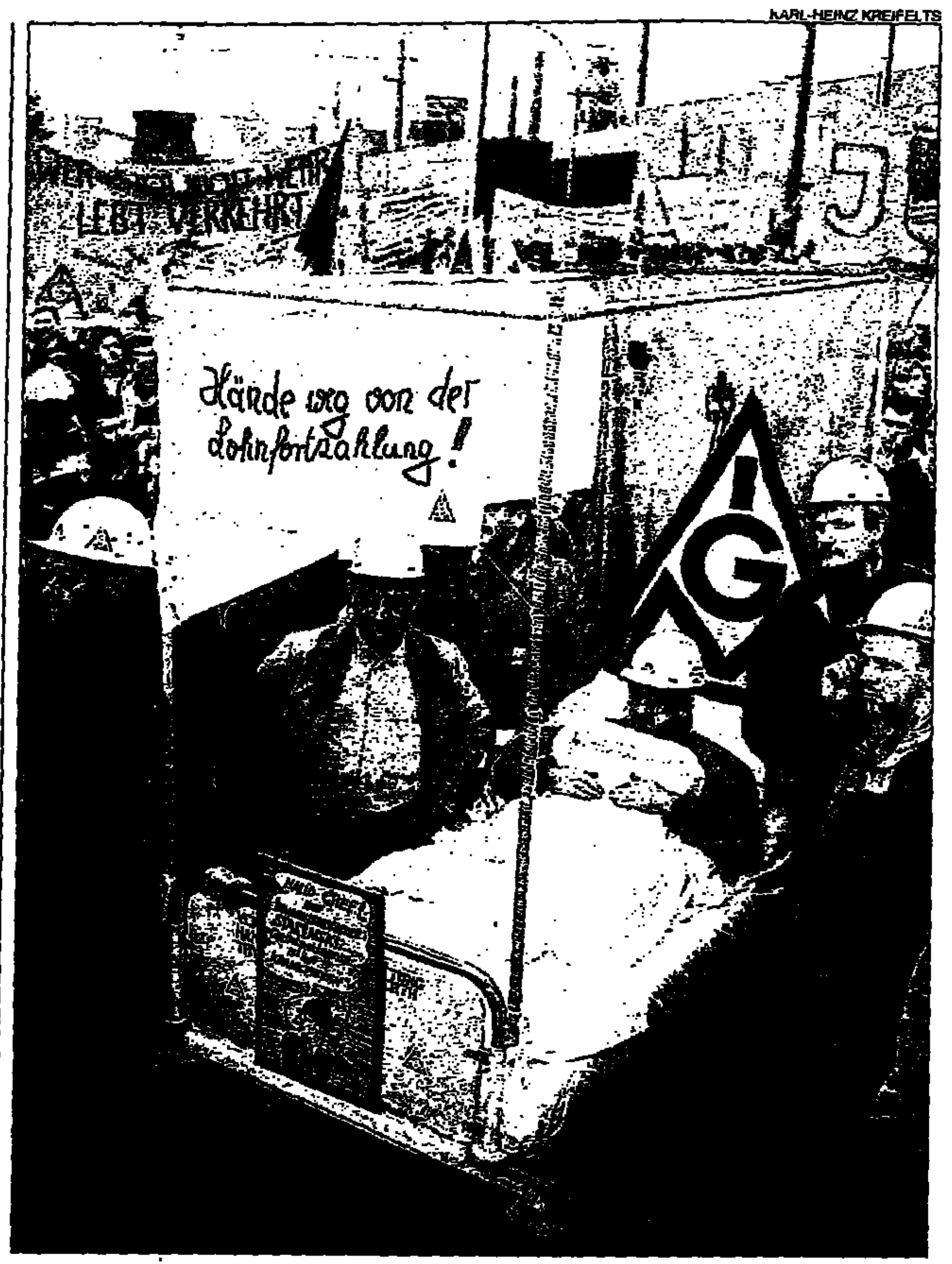
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Steel workers protest at the Thyssen steel mill in Duisburg over sick pay cuts

Strikes threaten Kohl's efforts to curb spending

From Michael Binyon in Dusseldorf

THOUSANDS of workers in Germany's vital metal and engineering industries yesterday took to the streets at the start of a strike campaign by the powerful metalworkers' union in protest at the refusal by employers to guarantee full sick pay benefits in future.

The strike, which threatens to affect the brittle pay negotiations across the country as Germany tries to rein in its public spending, was particularly marked in the main industrial areas and car-manufacturing plants in the west. In North Rhine-Westphalia, workers went on strike in factories in Duisburg, Bochum and Dortmund, where blast furnaces were running on emergency levels.

In the prosperous southwest, in Baden-Württemberg, car workers stopped work at the main Daimler-Benz factory and about 3,000 demonstrated outside the gates at the Bosch factory. Volkswagen-Audi plants were also hit. The strikes broke out after two days of intensive negotiations between IG Metall, the powerful union that counts some 3.5 million workers among its members, and the engineering employers.

At issue is the controversial new law allowing employers to pay only 80 per cent of a worker's normal salary if he falls sick. Some of the main engineering employers, including most of the car manufacturers, have said that they are willing to continue full sick payments. But smaller firms, hard-pressed by worsening economic conditions, are not able to do so. The system of negotiating unified regional salary levels is now under threat.

Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, has appealed to both sides to negotiate. The failure to agree over sick pay this year also throws into question talks on possible cuts in other non-wage labour costs which employers say are essential if Germany's vital car industries are to remain competitive.

The situation is particularly acute because Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats are courting unpopularity and risk an open split with their Free Democrat junior partners over reluctance to cut taxes. Herr Kohl has agreed to bring the rates down, but faces an uphill task to meet the convergence criteria.

☐ **Madrid:** Hundreds of hearses brought chaos to the Spanish capital yesterday as undertakers gathered to protest against the Government's "over-regulation of the funerary sector" (Tunku Varadarajan writes). A convoy was driven at a funereal pace from the Atlético de Madrid stadium to the Economy Ministry.

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Naples slips up on new 'soap'

From Richard Owen in Rome

ITALY'S first home-grown soap opera is drawing brickbats from the critics after only a week, to the dismay of those who hope it will presage a revival of Italian television.

The series, called *Un Posto Al Sole* (A Place in the Sun), is set against the spicy and picturesque backdrop of life in Naples. On the face of it, it has all the right ingredients. "It is a story of passion, intrigue and betrayal," *Oggi* magazine enthused. Giovanni Minoli, the Naples-based producer, said: "It's a miracle. I can't believe it — Naples on prime-time TV every night"

But audience figures (except in Naples) have so far been disappointing. "It is not so much a case of see Naples and die, more a case of see Naples and change channels," *La Repubblica* commented.

Italy has no native tradition of television soaps, even though (or perhaps because) Italian daily life tends to be vivacious, noisy and melodramatic. Dubbed American and Australian soaps are broadcast in the afternoons. The state-run RAI channels have increasingly gone down market in an attempt to compete with the private channels owned by Silvio Berlusconi, the former Prime Minister.

A Place in the Sun is made with help from the Australian production company which makes *Neighbours*. It revolves around the conflict between a family of noble origin, the Palladinis, and their working-class neighbours. "At least it gets away from the Naples stereotype of pizzas and mandolins," *Il Messaggero* said.

Critics and viewers have — so far — given the thumbs down to the wooden acting, awkward pauses and sudden desperate insertions of dramatic music, not to mention the telltale clunk of the actors' feet on stage sets.

Signor Minoli says 40 of the planned 230 episodes are in the can, and it will take "three months, not a week, to judge if it is a success or not".

Yeltsin daughter under fire from old guard

By Richard Beeston

RUSSIA'S growing ranks of disaffected and embittered politicians are increasingly directing their criticism against Tatyana Dyachenko, President Yeltsin's daughter, now regarded as the most influential adviser in his entourage.

Mrs Dyachenko, 36, has been drawn into politics by allegations that she controls the day-to-day running of the President's affairs at the sanatorium where he is resting before next month's heart bypass operation.

The latest attack on her role in the affairs of state came from General Aleksandr Lebed, the sacked former national security chief, who suggested yesterday that she was now the only person the ailing Russian leader trusts.

"Of course he is easily influenced. The very clever scenario put in action by his daughter is: trust only through me," General Lebed told the weekly *Argumenty i Fakty* newspaper.

He claimed that Mrs Dyachenko's unseen influence had made dealings with the Kremlin leader bizarre and unpredictable. "While you are talking to the President he is listening and arguing with you. After you leave, anything could happen. [You can only find out by] watching the television."

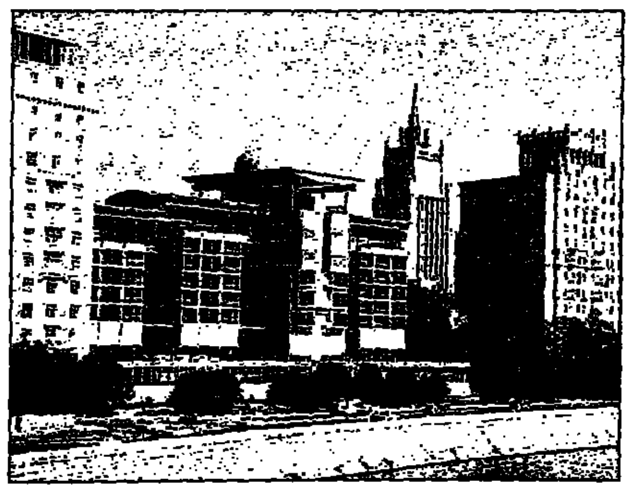
The increasingly personal attacks against Mrs Dyachenko are directed by former aides who were ousted by President Yeltsin after his re-election this summer. Mrs Dyachenko, his youngest daughter, played a pivotal role in organising his campaign and promoted a new team of pro-democratic figures in the leadership.

Nikolai Yegorov, the former presidential Chief of Staff who was sacked along with other hardliners in the Kremlin, blamed his successor, Anatoli Chubais, for taking advantage of the President's daughter in his rise to power. "Perhaps she has brains, but she is only a daughter and not an experienced politician ... for this reason she can be easily manipulated," he told *Komsomolskaya Pravda*. "Chubais and his colleagues needed somebody close through who they could exert influence on the President, and she was the best candidate. They kept telling her: 'You see, it would be good if daddy' ... And she would get the problem solved."

Although the Moscow State University graduate is well placed to defend herself, she prefers to keep a low public profile and is vulnerable to dirty tactics. Earlier this month, for instance, *Komsomolskaya Pravda* published a front-page story disclosing that President Yeltsin's grandson, Boris, who is currently at Millfield School in England, is in fact her son by a secret first marriage. The Yeltsin family had attempted to keep the matter private.

Go-ahead for Moscow embassy

By Richard Beeston and Peter Foster



An artist's impression of the new British mission

AFTER years of tortuous negotiations with the Russians, work is expected to begin next month on the construction of a new multi-million-pound British Embassy in Moscow.

Taylor Woodrow announced yesterday that it had been awarded the £55 million contract for the site on the east bank of the Moskva river. The structure will consist of four interconnected blocks, three for accommodating embassy staff and the fourth for the embassy's offices.

After the disastrous experience of the Americans, whose new embassy has never been used because Russian builders impregnated the building with so many listening devices, security has been a major factor in the British project. An embassy spokesman said that the site would be under British control throughout the 2½-year construction period and that only British workmen and materials would be used.

The new building is desperately needed in Moscow, where embassy staff are currently in the distinguished but cramped surroundings of the Kharitonenko Mansion, a 19th-century sugar merchant's home located on the river directly opposite the Kremlin. The British mission has expanded quickly since the end of the Cold War, particularly the consular section, which today issues more visas than any other post in the world.

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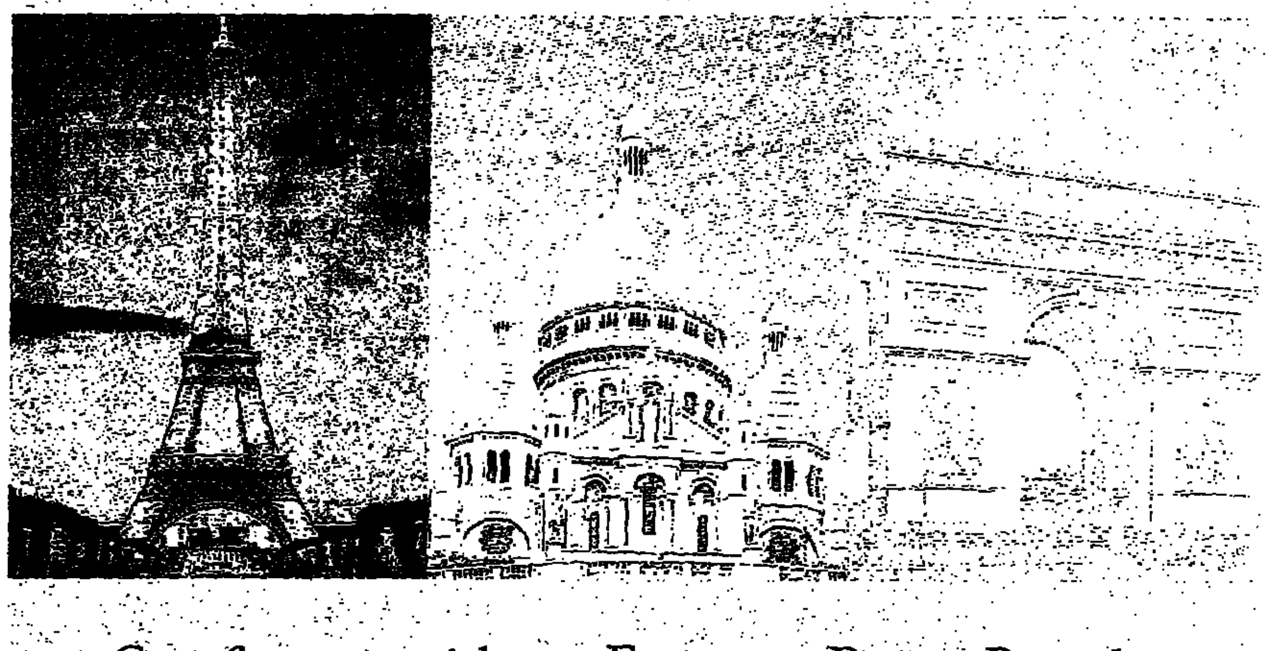

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'I just wish that lager made boys more ill'

England's leading magistrate on the dysfunctional families that are filling our courts with hopeless young male criminals — and the dangers of drink

"Supposing we corralled all young males between the ages of 11 and 22," I suggested to the chairman of the Magistrates' Association. "What effect would that have on your life as a magistrate?" Mrs Rosemary Thomson, JP, agreed that it would indeed leave her with very little to do.

Mrs Thomson leapt onto the airwaves this week in the wake of Frances Lawrence's manifesto for mending our fractured society. Mrs Lawrence said: "The root of the problem is that the people who commit these crimes come from dysfunctional families." "I'm afraid that is true," said Mrs Thomson.

I sat in her courtroom at Maidenhead, observing the young men (all but two defendants were males under 24) who fracture our society. At what age can you tell who will become an offender? "At four or five," said Mrs Thomson, a former teacher and school governor. "I can see who is likely to offend persistently.

"Characteristically, they are hyperactive, with a short attention span, have difficulty relating to other children and adults, are desperate for affection and get attention through misbehaving." Never had she picked out a potential offender in school who did not later appear before her in court.

"And sometimes I have seen his father before him, and even his grandfather. Something goes wrong at a very early age."

Mrs Thomson looks exactly like my first school headmistress. Her command, "Stand up!" instils instant respect. Snow-white hair, large spectacles, red lipstick that emphasises both her hard stare (at an insolent, swaggering youth) and her warm smile (at the boy she hopes to redeem by encouragement). She has total dignity, embodies fairness, and makes brisk decisions.

We saw a few hard cases. A red-faced bullyboy who had intimidated a witness was sent for trial in the Crown Court. ("A real thug," said Mrs Thomson later. "We know him well. He'll go down for a long time.") And a foxy-faced young thief with an almost comical stage smirk: he and his accomplice also elected trial by jury (thinking their chances of acquittal were better) and left the courtroom muttering "Bollocks".

Then there were the redeemable ones: a sad boy (whose blind father, with guide dog, was in court) who had reeled out of a pub and harmlessly peed against a bollard. "A very silly thing to have done," said Mrs Thomson, fining him £40. And an inept and dim burglar of 18, caught with a radio bulging under his jacket. We heard all about his separated parents, the family quarrels, their poverty, his drugs problem since the age of 13, his leaving school without qualifications, "intellectually and emotionally ill-equipped to deal with life".

They could have sent him to prison, Mrs Thomson told him. Instead, he would be placed on probation for 12 months and given 40 hours' community service. The £240 fine would be taken from his wage packet. "We have given you a chance here, do you understand that? You've done quite well. You've got yourself sorted. Now get it together." She turned to the father, in his building-site clothes, and thanked him for coming. (Not many working-class fathers come to court.)

"The family" has become a political bandwagon — but a family (as Messrs Blair and Major should say when asked) means whoever lives behind the front door from which a young hooligan might emerge. One parent or two parents: what matters is who's in charge of the rattling train, the loose cannon, the out-of-control and lethal agent that is the teenage boy. My outrageous suggestion of corralling young males is not so very far from Jack Straw's "youth curfew". Conditional bail, requiring them to stay at home, was given to several youths at Maidenhead on Wednesday. But the stable door is being bolted too late.

"You sound like Shakespeare in *The Winter's Tale*," she said. " 'I would there were no age between sixteen and three-and-twenty — for there is nothing in the between but getting wenches with child, wronging the ancientry, stealing, fighting.' It's not a new problem.

"If I could have a wish, it would be that young men became desperately sick, thoroughly ill after two pints of lager, and couldn't drink any more. The number of cases I deal with would go down very substantially. A vast amount of petty offending, as you saw this morning, is drink-related."

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True: only a couple of cases had no alcohol connection. One was a Welsh schoolmaster speeding down the M4 at 104mph to get to his daughter's graduation in Brighton, a first blemish on a 30-year impeccable driving record. Another was a young student in possession of cannabis.

"Whenever I address young people they ask me if I think cannabis should be legalised and I reply: 'That is for others to decide.' But taking cannabis does not lead to offending behaviour and violence, in the way drinking does."

Over lunch of sandwiches and mineral water, Mrs Thomson, the daughter of a railway clerk, told me: "My family was very Scottish and very Presbyterian. Dedicated to the work ethic, duty and service. All those terribly old-fashioned things." She had won a state scholarship from Watford Grammar School to read modern languages at Girton College, Cambridge, where she took a first.

Her father came from Scotland to work at Euston, hence their settling at the end of the line at Watford. "And there we were in Watford, thinking our Scottish thoughts, eating our Scottish food, practising our Scottish religion and mixing only minimally with those who were not Scottish. It makes you understand the Asian community, happy with their own values."

As a young mother she taught for the Open University, but chiefly opted for "duty and service" voluntary activities — running a playgroup, becoming a school governor. When Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone decreed in 1971 that the bench needed young women JPs, Mrs Thomson was approached — while shopping in Smith's — along with Shreela (Baroness) Flather, the first Asian woman peer. Mrs Thomson learnt on the job. Now almost half of the 30,000 magistrates in England and Wales, selectively interviewed and trained, are women.

On the Board of Visitors at Feltham Young Offenders' Institution Mrs Thomson gained an insight into the lives of the young men who cause such a disproportionate amount of the nation's crime.

"In Feltham, it was a miracle to meet a boy who had a father and mother in more or less working order. Most of them were doomed from conception. And they themselves, even at 17, heavily convicted, would often say: 'Want to see a picture of my baby, missis?'

"So they start off as inadequate parents themselves, coming from inadequate parents, not having gone to school very much, not having a clue how to bring up a child. Feltham did try to teach them something about babies and cooking, but many of them had been brought up in care."

The bulk of magistrates' work is with young men. "And most victims are young men, too. Most of them stop offending as they mature and form adult relationship with a good woman." Half the male population now has a record by the age of 30. Even Mrs Thomson's own grown-up son, now 28, had been convicted of careless driving while an undergraduate.

When Mrs Thomson spoke on *Today* this week she welcomed Jack Straw's acknowledgement that youth courts must look at young offenders in the context of their families.

"You can't take a child out of its family context. Mr Howard's idea of involving parents of offenders in making reparations to the victims, to bring home that they are responsible for their child, is worth considering. Whereas his 'naming and shaming' idea just reinforces the problem: if a child whose kudos rests on his offending behaviour is named on the telly it gives him the admiration of his friends.

"One lad this morning, to my horror, had been cautioned twice, once after seven burglaries and once for four thefts of cars. Frankly, he should have been in court before now.

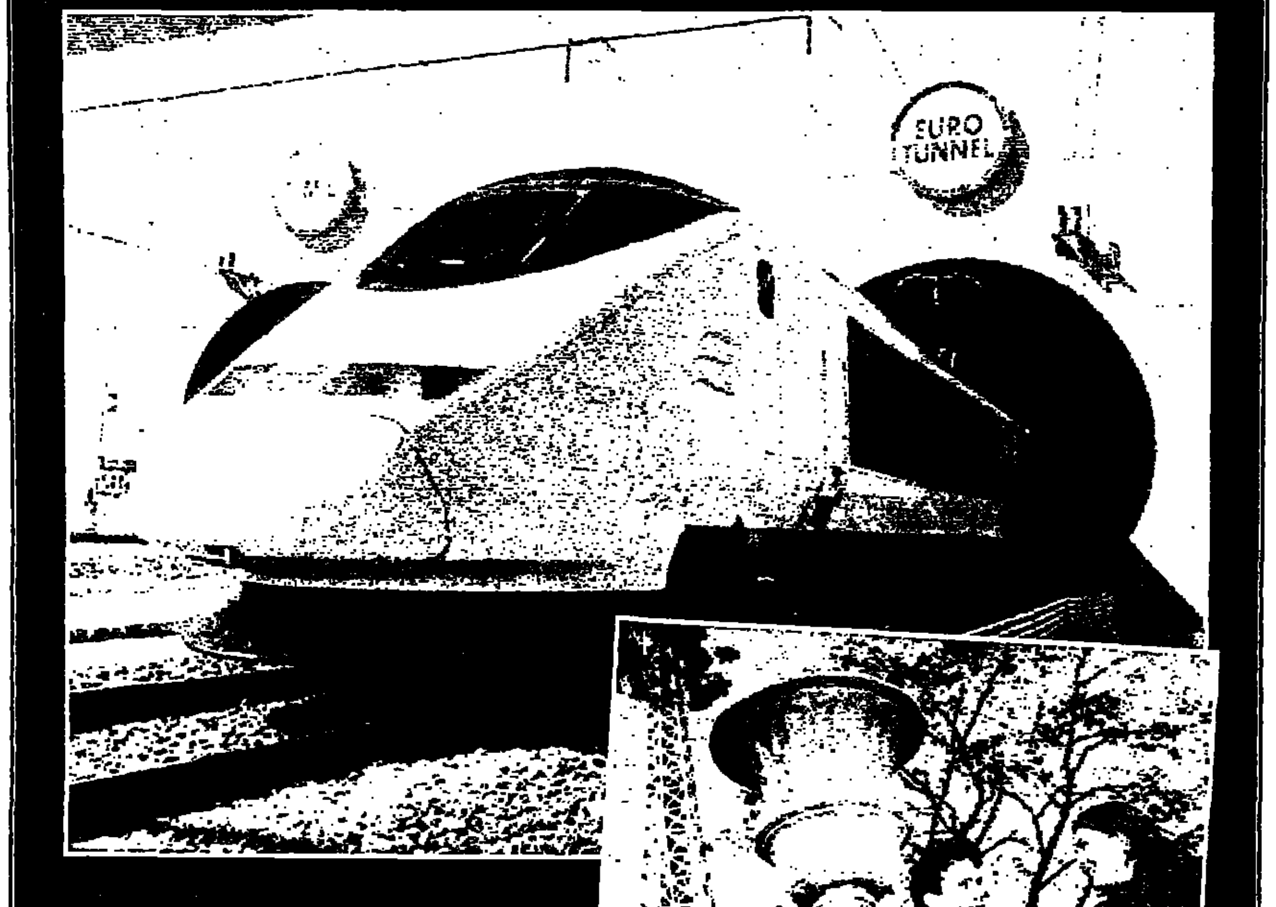
"But really the court comes into the whole process far too late. Our youth court magistrates feel passionately that we can do little more than mop up. Young men have got thoroughly into offending before the court ever gets at them." As Nigel de Gruchy, of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said yesterday of The Ridings School: "Many children arrive at primary school intent on troublemaking."

Crime prevention initiatives are surely futile without some attempt being made to identify potential offenders in infancy. It is one of our precious but illogical liberties that nobody, however young or criminally inclined, is hindered from embarking on parenthood — while some parents wishing to adopt are deemed "too old" — and the price we pay suggests a flagrant want of common sense. Mrs Lawrence said we need "a drive towards seeing that children grow up in a normal, stable family". But where should that drive begin?

"There are a lot of immature parents around," says Mrs Thomson. "Children need clear standards of right and wrong, to learn to respect other people and their property, and to respect themselves. You need to teach people how to be parents, and that means really early intervention. The courts have no magic wand."

ROBIN MAYES

Rosemary Thomson, JP: "I have seen their fathers and their grandfathers before them"



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Showing your true colours can dramatically affect your life

A real pain in the neck

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by Chris Campling

It comes to something when the cashier in your local supermarket doesn't want to take your money. It comes to something even more when a taxi driver considers not picking you up, and you looking both sober and able to pay. And what it comes down to is a scarf.

My Tottenham Hotspur scarf, actually. Ever since I got it, both to signify my allegiance to the boys from White Hart Lane and, more importantly, keep my neck warm, total strangers have felt encouraged to insult me.

The cashier was the first one. I'd had the scarf for only a couple of days when I went into Safeway for a few bits and pieces. I was reaching for my money when he said: "It says in my contract I don't have to serve Spurs fans." My, how we laughed. Arsenal git.

Then the security guard at work, rather than letting me through the gate, held his fingers up in the sign of the cross and went into paroxysms of hissing and calling on God to smite the Antichrist. West Ham git this time. The taxi incident was the most recent. I flagged the cab, told him my destination, and he said: "I almost didn't stop for you." I didn't have to ask him why. Arsenal git again.

The silly thing is that I don't really like football all that much. I have an affection for Tottenham, born when, at the age of ten, I cast around for a team to support and chose them because they were the best team in the country, which shows how long ago that was. But I don't get suicidal when they lose, or ecstatic when they win, and the only piece of Tottenham memorabilia I possess is this rotten scarf.

Basically, I wear it to keep my neck warm. But, increasingly, I wear it in order to annoy Arsenal and West Ham fans who are smaller than me. During the day, and in crowded thoroughfares, I wear my Tottenham scarf with pride. At other times, such as when travelling on evening buses, or when Arsenal are playing at home (we live close to Highbury) I put up with a stiff neck on the basis that at least it isn't broken.

The sad thing about it all is that I should be in a position where wearing a scarf could, on the wrong night and in the wrong place, see my life threatened. The other sad thing is that I, a married man with children, should continue to wear the scarf. I can afford to buy another one, in a nice, non-inflammatory colour, but I don't. What am I trying to prove? That I'm as tribal as the next man? That beneath this meek and mild exterior lurks a hooligan just begging for a fight. Neither. I think it has something to do with freedom of association, with overtones of Sixties-style individualism and, OK, because it also makes me feel a bit of a lad.

Chris Campling and scarf: "Basically, I wear it to keep my neck warm, but increasingly in order to annoy other fans"

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The lost art of the calculated insult

Deliberate rudeness is on the decline. Which is a pity, because a really clever and amusing put-down can add greatly to the gaiety of nations, **Philip Hensher** writes

MARK CARSON

Evelyn Waugh was expert at insults, yet was offended when told nobody would talk to him because "you sit on your arse looking like a stuck pig"

In March 1946, shortly after the publication of *Brideshead Revisited*, Evelyn Waugh received a fan letter from a female American reader. It offended him in some way. The letter itself hasn't survived, but Waugh's reply has. It wasn't to his fan, but to her husband; "Dear Sir," Waugh wrote. "I shall be grateful if you will use whatever disciplinary means are customary in your country to restrain your wife from writing impertinent letters to men she does not know."

A gentleman, we are told, is someone who is never rude by accident. That's fair enough, but it says nothing about gentlemen — or anyone else, for that matter — choosing to be rude. Everyone agrees, perhaps a bit too readily, that everyone is ruder than they used to be. Nobody queues, perfect strangers abuse each other in the street, drivers — if you believe the newspapers — are constantly hitting each other in fits of road rage. But if unplanned, ordinary rudeness, offensiveness and even violence are on the increase, what might be on the decrease is the phenomenon of being deliberately rude. It's something worth defending: a really amusing and sharp put-down might not be much fun to receive, but it adds greatly to the gaiety of nations.

The proviso is that an insult has to be clever, accurate and amusing. Lawyers have to explain quite often that vulgar abuse doesn't constitute a libel; nor does it really constitute a properly satisfying insult. It's surprising to learn that Waugh was quite hurt by a fellow member of White's who told him nobody would talk to him "because you sit on your arse looking like a stuck pig". With all this, it isn't surprising that there are fewer really successful insults than failed attempts at it.

Princess Margaret wrote a splendidly offensive letter

A prime example of a failed insult was Michael Heseltine's crack at the Conservative Party conference: it was all right for Sir James Goldsmith, "with his hacienda in Mexico, his *palazzo* in Venice and his château in France" to run down the country because he could always leave it. "For those of us who will have to stay here ..." Heseltine went on, to almost visible disquiet. It was an attempt at deliberate rudeness which failed because it was based on a false and incredible contrast between a fast-lifer called Sir James Goldsmith and a simple fellow called Michael Heseltine. Everyone knows that Heseltine is a rich man, too, and could live anywhere he wished. Making the joke still more dubious, it isn't Goldsmith but Lord McAlpine of West Green who has a Venetian *palazzo*; a *palazzo*, moreover, where Heseltine recovered after his heart attack. All in all, it was a gibe that made one wonder rather more about Heseltine than his target.

Perhaps rudeness should be left to the experts, like Waugh, who, on learning that a tumour Randolph Churchill had had removed was benign, remarked that it was a triumph of medical science to find the one part of Randolph that wasn't malignant, and then to remove it. Or Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett, whose insults often came unsuspected directly from what seemed like kindness. "Have you read Olivia Manning's new novel?" she asked Elizabeth Taylor once. "It really is full of *very* good descriptions. Quite excellent descriptions. I don't know if you care for descriptions? I don't."

Into this class of experts many of the Royal Family reputedly fall. Tales of the Duke of Edinburgh relishing his own bluntness are too many to be entirely apocryphal. A previously unfancied outsider in the rudeness stakes is Princess Margaret, whose splendidly offensive letter to the Duchess of York in response to a bunch of flowers was being aired a couple of weeks ago, to the nodding agreement of half the nation. She certainly has the Hanover knack of an icily blasting put-down; a friend still trembles at the memory of an after-dinner tête-à-tête which she brought to an abrupt end by saying: "Would you be so kind as to move six inches in *that* direction? It's rather hot in here."

For sheer rudeness, nothing much rivals the wars of artists and musicians, who, licensed by bohemianism, have always been rather given to vulgar abuse and bad behaviour. Brahms, managing to insult the entire Danish nation by commenting in public that it was a shame one of their most treasured works of art wasn't in Berlin, is quite typical. The on-stage wars of divas have become so legendary that it's sometimes assumed they are exaggerated; not so. It's not for nothing that, after Kathleen Battle's last appearance at the Met in New York, the backstage staff were seen wearing T-shirts with the words "I survived the Battle" on them. Idle gossip has it that the stellar cast of one very grand opera production currently running in London are at complete loggerheads, owing to the soprano's unbreakable habit of farting at precisely the same point in the second act.

Artists can certainly give it, but often prove less accomplished at accepting bile. A constant complaint is that critics are more vitriolic than they used to be. It's not true, as a quick leaf through the works of celebrated reviewers of the past will show. No music reviewer now is anything like as vicious as George Bernard Shaw at his most acidic; nobody now would admit, as Shaw once did: "If I take the trouble to criticise the Covent Garden performance of *Hamlet* ... my object must be understood to be vindictive rather than artistic." Not many reviewers allow themselves to be as horrid as Dorothy Parker, who called *The House Beautiful* the Play Lousy, or Cyril Connolly, who once began a review "Sixty books out of every hundred published are novels, nine out of those sixty are here, three out of that nine are readable, none out of the three is worth seven and sixpence". Anyone who has ever reviewed books will recognise the truth in the assertion, but not many would have the nerve, or the sharpness of phrase, to write it.

The trouble with rudeness is that you'd better be right, or witty. A few months ago, an overworked music critic found a bit of unaccustomed attention when he poured scorn on a soprano in a new production at ENO. Alas, he hadn't noticed that the subject of his disdain had dropped out and been replaced by the singer he heard. The recuperating soprano wasn't amused to find herself attacked when she had been at home all the time; nor, one imagines, was the critic once the libel lawyers had got to work. Better to emulate Dame Barbara Cartland, who was reportedly once asked by an interviewer if she thought the class barriers had broken down. "Of course they have," she is supposed to have said. "Or I wouldn't be sitting here talking to someone like you."

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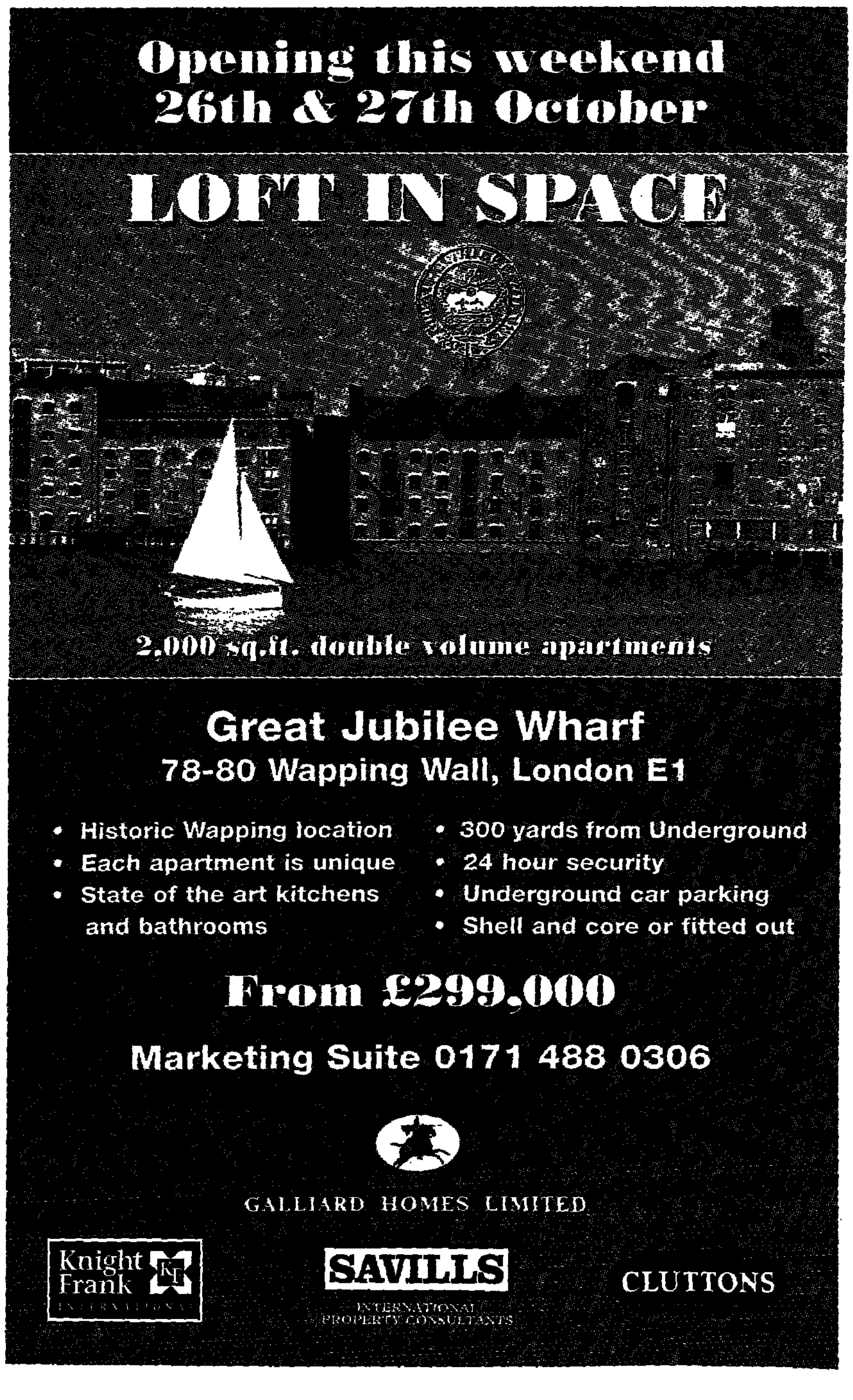
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Crazed illegal immigrant mum slays kids in cheating hubby's secret love nest. Naughty sex romps in royal palace spark bloodbath axe massacre. Infanticide romanticised. Jason's Eastern jinx. Have some Madeira, Medea. Or better still, try Prozac. You rippa dese pants, and I keel you. "Heav'n has no rage like love to hatred turn'd, Nor Hell a fury like a woman scorn'd" — Congreve. "It's a man's, man's, man's world" — James Brown, wailing and warbling godfather of soul.

Opportunist politicians crusading on the runaway hearse of civic disorder should be reminded that the fabric of society has always been threadbare. The flimsy fence between civil order and bloody anarchy needs constant repair. And the United Kingdom today is far safer and more civilised than almost all societies in the past. Certainly infinitely less barbarous than Corinth some fairytale time BC, when Medea took an axe and gave her babies 40 whacks. A modern producer would talk of the chilling story of a woman scorned, where passion becomes obsession and fatal attraction turns to psychopathic lust for vengeance in a murderous yet compelling endgame. Euripides wrote it better. And the Actors of Dionysus bring it to the Turtle Key Arts Centre at Fulham next week for a fortnight.

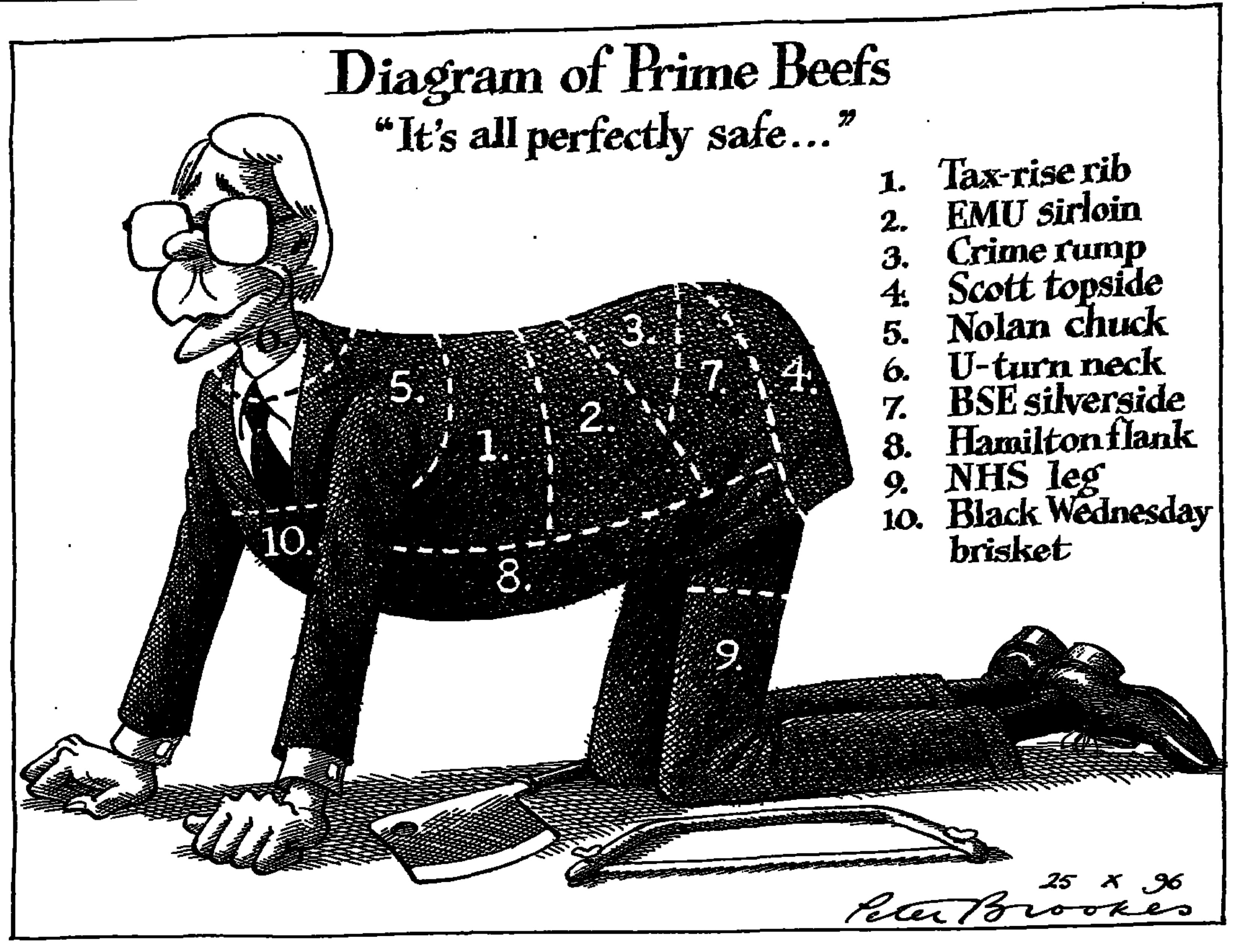
Despite its pine furniture shops, football team and silly name, Fulham is no odder a place to find tragedy than Thebes or Elsinore. *Human nature is much the same* around all the suburbs and down the ages. And tragedy tests human nature in extreme conditions, for the education and entertainment of the spectators. Perhaps it also helps us to understand our own natures better.

The young actors of Dionysus, just down from university with classics degrees, take Greek tragedy in their own contemporary English around schools and universities and provincial theatres. The National Lottery Fund has given them money to buy a van, and they are supported by Friends of Classics and other interested parties. They perform these ancient stories in everyday English with such conviction that they bring tears to the eyes and make the hair at the nape of the neck bristle. There have been no reports yet of infants dying of fright and women going into premature labour, as they are said to have done when Aeschylus brought on the chorus in the *Eumenides*.

So what on earth are these bright young things doing travelling around the United Kindom putting on tragedies about extravagant happenings in a quite alien world 25 centuries ago? They would find more of relevance by reading Politeia pamphlets.

Now, whoa there. Actually not. Medea and the other great tragedies may be ancient, but they are not obsolete. They deal with the most powerful emotions of love and hate, rage and revenge, passion and fear, pity and forgiveness. The story of the older wife traded in for a younger and smarter model is not yet as dead as the ancient Greeks. And man's inhumanity to man, and woman, is still a contemporary topic. These exemplary stories come from an alien society, but their morals have a terrible strength that lasts down the centuries.

Wringing our hands about the state of society is a British hobby. We deplore the morals of the young, the sleaze of our politicians, the nastiness of foreigners and the decadence of the age. Well, so did those bloody ancient Greeks. And despite the popular gloom we actually do some things as well as they have ever been done. Stubbs's huge portrait of Whitejacket has been hung in the National Gallery so that it dominates the room and catches the eye from six rooms away. That absurd artistic hero, the horse, shows 24 different shades of brown, and its fiery eye makes you even more determined never to ride. Our galleries and museums are the best in the world. So (though this is a counter-intuitive view) are many of the techniques of our popular newspapers, and a decreasing amount of our television. And our actors are still the best. Not just those in the West End, but the pioneers and the enthusiasts, the Greek tragedians and the amateurs. They teach the old lessons of human nature for civil society far better than image consultants and probation officers.



Most intimate swindle

The most hurtful deceit is the closest to home. But who would have thought that a daughter could feign cancer?

Bernard Levin

Wickedness, thy name is legion. In Britain, every day, nay every hour, a crime is being committed. Every hour, do I say? Every minute, surely, and I would not argue if someone said it must be every second.

Yes, but "a crime" can be something from a savage murder to someone picking up a few coins dropped from a short-sighted's lady's reticule and not giving them up. We must define our terms. Violence, surely, must be high on the ladder, and I *think* that we must differentiate between violence in the home and elsewhere. Then there is the confidence trickster: he too can be a mild nuisance or a real swine. (Are there still hayseeds in New York who are tricked into thinking they have bought Brooklyn Bridge? I bet there are.)

No doubt there have been many men and women who have stolen from their relatives. Indeed, huge sums have been wheedled out of their loved ones, and it seems that the larger the sum, the deeper people go into the mire. As for the City folk and the countless millions that go to and fro, dropping a few million into the wrong pockets, they should get their full and a bit over, but usually don't.

But there is something especially horrible when the thieves are deeply loved in the family *and* are the ones who are robbing those who love them. And worse yet when the family that is being robbed is not at all rich, but lives most modestly, and has to.

And that is the kind of criminal I am to discuss today.

First, for what actually happened. There is a woman, her name Diane McManus, who wanted money. (Oh, money, money, money, when will human beings stop wanting that terrible and poisonous stuff? Never.) She wanted money, not for giving the children of the orphanage a treat, not for giving thick new blankets to the poor men who sleep in doorways, not for the rebuilding of a dozen leaky churches, but for buying herself a brand new sports car, costing £12,000. And for a new garage and new kitchen costing £40,000. And for things she cannot remember, costing £60,000.

Now then, let us say that she wanted money, as most of us do. She was not poor, but she wanted real riches. So she went to her father and stepmother and told them that she was dying of cancer, a singularly powerful lever. The older couple sold their holiday bungalow to get funds for the dying Diane, but that was not enough. So the parents gave her their savings. Cancer, you know, is a dreadful malady, and it can take a great deal of money to sustain the sufferer. Our Diane needed more money, much more. Her father raised more money — these doctors do not come cheap, but for a beloved daughter, no sum is too great. More money, more money. (There was one point — it was touch and go for a few hours — when an actual doctor was getting close to examining the supposed sufferer; she told the family that that doctor had been killed in a car crash.) Then her father, practically ruined, yes, but my beloved daughter must have the most gentle rites — more money — thought that he would go to the Medical Negligence Board, for Diane had said that on one occasion there had been negligence. Diane said that they would get compensation automatically from the board, so he would not need to go to it, but he wanted to go, and told his daughter he was going, whereupon the whole edifice of lies and thieving collapsed into the sand — for of course if her father had gone to the board he would have discovered that there was no negligence, no cancer, no dying and no more lies. So Diane broke down and said: "There's no compensation, Dad. I've conned you. I've ruined your life." And indeed she had.

And then the headlines began: "'Dying' wife conned her parents out of £100,000", "Cancer lies cheat a trusting father" and so on.

It is no use saying that the parents were dreadfully naïve. Have *you* ever been told that a deeply beloved member of your family is very slowly dying, and if you had, would you, do you think, announce that there must be an examination in case the sufferer is conning money out of the family? Anyway, however childish the wronged father was, it is not he and the rest of the family who need close examination. (The details of the examination will not take place for some time, because Diane has been put behind bars for three years, but there is plenty to go on.)

For a start, there is the extraordinary matter of Diane's dreadful swindle. It is one very close to the clerk who steals the money, convinced that he will get it all back and more as the wheel begins to spin. But there is one enormous difference; in this case there is no wheel. Diane knew, and must have known, that none of all the money she was stealing would ever be brought back. I find it difficult to believe that she, knowing how it would and must end, nevertheless did it.

Take her words when the bomb had gone off: "There's no compensation, Dad. I've conned you. I've ruined your life." It sounds like a rather hurried elocution lesson from a somewhat downmarket teacher. Put it parallel to the remarks of the ruined parent: "When she was recovering at home we would visit, and she would be lying on the sofa covered with a blanket and really looking ill. I know I have been conned, but when you see your own daughter in that state and she says she's got cancer it doesn't enter your head that it's all a lie."

I don't think that the focus was the £12,000 car; experts tell me that a £12,000 car is only a medium-money one. Perhaps there was no exact moment, and night after night she tossed and turned, and came back just as tormented in the morning. You see what I am getting at. The woman had never cheated or stolen; so the question is "At what point did she go over the falls?" And, of course, why?

To start with, she knew that her thieving was from her family. Does that make her crime better or worse? It can be either: within the family circle the horror is doubled because the thief knows that there was no great fortune to rob, but within the family circle there are — must be — at least the dregs of love that would still tug at the heart.

So what about the stranger? The blow is surely worse: out of the clouds comes nothing that can mean anything, until the ripples of horror: yes, there is horror in robbery even if there is nothing physically alarming. But none of these explanations make any sense. The girl (well, she was 26) was an ordinary girl who wanted to have lots of money, and took it; it is just possible that she was so far in the heavens that she thought she would not be prosecuted. Perhaps that is why she robbed the family rather than a stranger who would bring the police.

When she was in the dock, her lawyer must have had the very devil of a job to find anything that he could say on her side, but he did come up with an interesting idea. He said that Diane "was motivated by jealousy, revenge, emotional insecurity and a desire for attention". There was nothing to back this up, but it is quite possible that it is true, or partly true. After all, Stavely near Chesterfield could hardly have been a great centre of work and play and politics, music and theatre, beauty and writing. But where would the money come from? Alas, we know, and so does Diane, and so do the warders.

But turn the page. Diane's parents are ruined. When Diane went into the dock, it was to admit that she had squandered £100,455, two-thirds of her parents' lifesavings, and that not a penny of it will ever be seen again. And the other third? It had vanished entirely — not even the thief could say where it had gone.

A thief by any name is still a thief. But if you can read the story of Diane and her parents without feeling a chill run down your back, you must have a nonparcil spine. "There's no compensation, Dad. I've conned you. I've ruined your life." And she had. And she will never fully understand what she did in doing that.

To hate a child of one's own loins must be a terrible thing. But to ruin a father and mother for life is also terrible. God forbid that any of us might have to spin such a coin.

Making peace in Cyprus

Sir David Hannay

outlines a blueprint for settlement

No one can have any illusions about the difficulty of achieving a Cyprus peace settlement. Many have tried and none so far has succeeded. Cyrus Vance, James Callaghan, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, Oscar Camilion, Joe Clark — the list is long enough to give the newcomer a feeling of awe before this Sisyphean task. The three visits I have now paid to the island since my appointment in May as the Government's Special Representative have left me in no doubts on this score.

Earlier this year Greece and Turkey were on the brink of open hostilities. On the island itself a whole generation has been brought up in ignorance and suspicion of the other community. The fatal incidents which occurred along the ceasefire line this summer are the bitter fruits. On the one side there are those who believe that everything was settled when the Turkish Army arrived in 1974; on the other, those who believe that the majority community has sole right to govern. As usual, the extremists draw strength from an increase in tension.

So why bother? After all, you might say "small island, not many people being killed, a fairly stable situation thanks to the UN presence, nothing compared to Rwanda, Somalia or Bosnia". But that is to ignore the fragility of the status quo. Cyprus is the forum for a full-blooded arms race. There is a greater density of modern weapons and men under arms in Cyprus than almost anywhere in the world. One side acquires armoured personnel carriers or modern battle tanks; the other does likewise. This is inherently unstable, with a constant risk of a mistake or a pre-emptive move.

One new element in the Cyprus equation *should* be positive for both communities: the prospect of accession to the European Union. This not only offers the opportunity of the internal market and other material benefits, but also a window on a new world. So far the European dimension has tended to be just one more cause of discord. Many Turkish Cypriots argue that the Cyprus Government had no right to apply for membership without their explicit consent. For everyone else, including the EU, it is a signpost to a more hopeful future. So that brings us back full circle to the need for a political settlement.

The easiest way is if a settlement can be reached in 1997 which will enable a new bi-zonal, bi-communal, federated Cyprus to negotiate the terms of EU accession. Most of the material for political settlement is already on the table, left over from previous attempts. Successive negotiations have revolved around the structure of a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation. This structure was first spelt out in agreements between the leaders of the two communities in the late 1970s, worked on by successive UN mediators and brought quite close to agreement by Boutros Boutros Ghali in 1992. What is needed now is a renewed and sustained effort to fit the pieces of that puzzle together: how should political equality be expressed in a new constitution; how much territory to the north of the ceasefire line should be returned; what arrangements should be made for those who became refugees in 1974?

Yet no political settlement will be reached unless it makes both communities feel secure. The present arrangements for each community provide an illusion of security, but only at the expense of the other's insecurity. The Turkish troops in the north make the Greek Cypriots feel insecure; and increasingly sophisticated armaments in the south and a defence pact with Greece worry the Turkish Cypriots. No settlement can be based on the present security arrangements. Logically, the two communities should have a shared interest in ensuring that a political settlement cannot then be undermined by extremist elements on either side. Some recent ideas for progressive demilitarisation and the presence of an international military force, combined with the security guarantees devised at the time of Cyprus's independence, may offer a way forward.

There is always a tendency in Cyprus to look outside for a solution. If not the UN, could the US, or the UK, or the EU pull it off? The answer is none of the above on its own, but all of them together, and only if the two communities are ready to compromise. Of course it is easy to complain about too many cooks: but in Cambodia the way to a solution was found only when all the countries involved put their heads together. The same was true of Namibia. So why not Cyprus? There are no significantly divergent interests among the external parties. All would benefit from a settlement in Cyprus on the basis laid down by the UN Security Council. An equitable settlement in Cyprus could even draw some of the poison from Greece and Turkey's own relationship.

So could 1997 be the year of a Cyprus settlement? That will depend on the leaders of the two communities in Cyprus. They have the experience and the authority to do it. Both are democratically elected. Now both need to give a clear lead away from confrontation and towards a negotiated solution. It will also depend on outsiders, including Britain, which has been so intimately associated with every stage of Cyprus's modern history. It is in that context that Malcolm Rifkind is now planning the first bilateral visit to Cyprus by a British Foreign Secretary since 1974. So yes, 1997 could be the year for a Cyprus settlement. But I am not yet ready to say it will be.

Sir David Hannay is a former Ambassador to the EU and the UN.

Family valued

SADLY absent from the Queen's Speech for the State Opening of Parliament this week was Norma Major, who had been hoping to take her place alongside Cherie Blair and Jane Ashdown in the gallery.

Norma was unable to attend because her mother, a tremendous character by the name of Edith Johnson, has fallen seriously ill. And rather than sit through the Government's legislative programme, she felt she should be by her bedside.

Edith, a diminutive and bespectacled, white-haired lady in her mid seventies, has always been fiercely proud of her son-in-law's achievements and apparently keeps a scrapbook with newspaper cuttings charting his relentless rise.

She brought up Norma on her own in southeast London after her husband died and enjoyed a good business career as a book-keeper before becoming a force to be reckoned with in the local women's institutes and discovering bridge.

"She is a serial bridge player," says Peter Golds, a family friend, "a prodigious and enthusiastic player who has been known to indulge in the odd ocean cruise for the sake of the game."

Yesterday, Central Office said that Norma had been spending more time with Edith recently. I wish her the very best and trust that she will be back winning rubbers soon, after a full recovery.

● *Irvine Welsh, writer of the gritty Scottish novel* Trainspotting, *has been taken at his word after endorsing John King's new book* The Football Factory *on its cover with the comment "Buy, steal or borrow a copy, just read it". Waterstone's in Edinburgh complains that more copies have been stolen than purchased, and are insisting that the publishers remove Welsh's advice from the cover in future.*

"How do you like your beef, Mr Major, rare or extinct?"

Two parties

HUBRIS seems to be the only hurdle left in President Clinton's path to re-election. Preparations are already under way for an enormous re-election celebration in Little Rock, the capital of Clinton's home state, Arkansas. With a budget of nearly £1 million, the party is to have a strong Southern flavour, with hog roasts, barbecues, music from the folk singer Arlo Guthrie, and a huge gospel choir — Clinton is a big gospel fan — to be led by the honey-voiced Aaron Neville.

Bob Dole's Republicans are planning a couple of stiff Martinis and bed.

Small beer

ALL IS IN flux at the House of Commons Members' tearooms. First, the portrait of the Queen has gone, to be replaced by one of Chaucer. And secondly, the House of Commons portcullis motif is no longer on the crockery. "The Queen's portrait is being retouched," says the catering department, "and the portcullis has disappeared because the Members have had their canteen services centralised so they must use the cheaper crockery."

A sure sign that the changes are permanent is that Jerry Hayes, the MP for Harlow, is voicing his concern.

THE TIMES DIARY

Court out

CLUBLAND is becoming either geriatric or lazy. Such is the decline in the playing of squash at the Lansdowne Club, just off Berkeley Square, once a temple of the game, that the committee is planning to shuffle off the sports facilities to an outside operator.

Members meet next Friday to vote on whether to lease out the four squash courts, swimming pool and fencing *salle* on a 25-year deal to Riverside, a sports operating company. Opposition is expected from the bufferish end of the 5,000-strong membership, which is not surprising, given that the plan is to charge them £50 a year to use their own facilities and to invite non-members to participate in the perspiring activities.

George Clark Hutchison, the club's deputy chairman, wails: "Everyone wants to do aerobics now, but we haven't got a proper aerobics room." A sorry state of play. What happened to fine claret and cigars?

● *An extraordinary development yesterday at Alton Towers, where the Duchess of York, known to some as "La Freebiana", turned up unexpectedly with her two daughters. The Duchess paid for her tickets — a full £44.50 on her creaking credit card.*

On Everage

MOONEE PONDS, the real-life Australian suburb of Melbourne which has long been home to the fictional and repulsive housewife Dame Edna Everage, has finally capitulated to the force of her personality. It is to open a museum in honour of its frightful "resident".

Gladioli are to be planted around the building and there will be exhibits of the Dame's hideous glasses, wigs and gowns. Most Australians are appalled by Barry Humphries's creation, but the local council has given its blessing.

Nothing like a Dame

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THE MOUNTAIN MOVES

Kohl has become the reluctant champion of German reform

Physically, psychologically and by his mastery of the political machine, Helmut Kohl fits Günter Grass's unkind description of him as Germany's "governing mass". Next week, Herr Kohl will overtake Konrad Adenauer as postwar Germany's most durable Chancellor; both supporters and critics expect him to forge on through the 1998 elections towards the next record, that of Otto von Bismarck's 19 years in power in the last century. If his political successors are beginning to take root under this great tree, they have so far put out few leaves. Not only has he unified Germany once more; he exercises an influence over the destiny of Europe unequalled among his contemporaries.

Yet the Grass sobriquet is revealing in another way. It suggests an immobilism tinged with smugness. Herr Kohl's confident governing style has helped to obscure for too long the mounting inefficiencies of Germany's treasured social market consensus. Faced by clearly unaffordable bills for unfunded social liabilities, this formidable politician has started to make change his theme; but it has taken him 14 years in power to accept, never mind to advocate, the need for economic deregulation and serious fiscal and welfare reforms.

It is not the least remarkable aspect of his domination of the German political scene that despite, or even because of, his earlier reluctance to act, Herr Kohl remains the man whom most Germans trust today to put things right with the minimum of social disruption. The divided Social Democrat Opposition has made almost no dent on his popularity. At this week's annual conference of his Christian Democratic Union (CDU), the Chancellor's unassailability in tough times was powerfully underlined.

His conference address, sombre and even hectoring in tone, contained little to cheer his party. On the contrary, he depicted a country where the clock stood at "a few minutes before midnight", grumbled that German workers were paid too much and insisted that there was no alternative to steep cuts in public spending on welfare and pensions.

He promised equally steep tax cuts, but only by 1999 and only to be paid for by laying waste to Germany's thickets of tax exemptions, many of which are extremely popular. For now, given the serious overshoot in this year's budget deficit and the Government's determination to fit with ease next year into the Maastricht straitjacket, he was compelled to defer by a year January's promised reduction in the hated "solidarity tax" to finance unification. In addition, he had to admit that his promise to halve Germany's historically high 10 per cent unemployment rate by 2000 was unrealistic.

The CDU's coalition partners are restive. On the streets, war is raging between German employers and unions over the erosion of collective bargaining and a law permitting cuts in the much-abused system of sick pay. Yet Herr Kohl's control of his delegates remained absolute. He received one of the longest ovations of his career and was re-elected party leader by 95.5 per cent.

Herr Kohl may yet justify this seemingly unshakeable confidence. His affection for the Rhineland model is not in doubt, but by the 1998 elections, the Government's "programme for growth and employment" will have altered many of the model's key working assumptions. The aim is to cut non-wage labour costs and industrial subsidies, accelerate privatisation, encourage investment by freeing up Germany's over-regulated financial markets — and then to take voters by storm with radical tax cuts.

Given Germany's underlying strengths, growth by then could be high enough to heal the wounds inflicted on the social consensus. Britain should rejoice if this strategy succeeds. With or without monetary union, Germany's economic health is vital to European prosperity. Given the continent's vulnerability to the least symptom of a German disease it is a relief that, at last, it has been honestly diagnosed.

AFTER HOURS

More out-of-school clubs would save the Government money

When Harriet Harman, Shadow Social Security Secretary, faces Peter Lilley in the Queen's Speech debate today, she will outline her ideas on one of those rare policies which voters of any political complexion should approve. This scheme keeps children off the streets and out of crime, gives them a safe place to work and play, helps mothers off benefit and generates revenue for the Exchequer. It is known as the after-school club, and a Labour government would promise a national network of them.

Much attention has been paid to the need for affordable childcare so that mothers of young children can go out to work. But working parents' problems do not stop when their youngest child reaches school age. For school days are some two hours shorter than working days. And most employers cannot allow their employees to stop working for half-terms and school holidays.

This problem is particularly acute for lone mothers, who cannot juggle childcare with their husbands or partners. Unlike almost every other European country, Britain allows them to stay at home and claim benefit until their youngest child is 16: in France, for instance, where out-of-school care is excellent, single mothers are encouraged to work once their youngest child is three. The result is that, while in Britain, 70 per cent of them are on benefit, in France the proportion is just 37 per cent. Britain's benefit bill for single parents has risen by 250 per cent since 1979 and now stands at £10 billion a year, the biggest in Europe.

Most children in these families grow up outside the world of work. They know nothing but dependency on the State. Yet 90 per cent of single mothers who are not working say that they would like to if their children could be looked after. Even allowing for some exaggeration, there seems much scope here for helping them off benefit and into work. Mr Lilley has already allowed them to use some of their earnings on childcare before it is deducted from benefits. But an expansion of after-school clubs, which cost on average just £15 per child per week, would be a big help.

Private schools have always known the virtue of after-school activity. It offers an opportunity for some to do quiet homework, for others to explore non-academic pursuits such as sport, chess, music, computing, art or simply safe play. A generation ago, schoolchildren spent the late afternoon at play, generally outside, unsupervised by adults. These days, sadly, busy roads and fear of crime have put paid to that. Instead they are cooped up at home, in front of the television or computer.

After-school and holiday clubs are very cheap to run. The premises — schools themselves, community centres, church halls — are readily available. The staff are made up of parents, teachers and play leaders, some paid, some unpaid. Under Labour's scheme, parents who could afford it would pay a fee, while those moving from benefit to work might have some of their benefit transferred to the club for a time. Eventually the Exchequer would be better off.

As a result of parental initiative and government investment, there are now 3,400 after-school clubs, catering for 150,000 children and their parents. But there are 800,000 "latchkey" children between five and 12, and presumably many more whose mothers would like to be out at work. At the moment, there are club places for less than 2 per cent of school-age children. It should be the objective of any government to help such provision to become universally available.

RAZA'S TEST

A Pakistani stripling plays in the midst of men

How should we react to Hasan Raza, the 14-year-old Pakistani batsboy who yesterday made his Test match debut? With rapture, of course, in the precocious achievement of this grandly gifted schoolboy. With satisfaction that he has broken the record for the youngest player ever to wear whites for his country. And with a special pat on the back for his headmaster, too, for letting him cut five days off school to turn out against Zimbabwe.

This warmth towards a startling young talent should arise quite naturally in the breasts, blazered or otherwise, of all cricket-lovers. Yet in this country at least his debut will also provoke a certain bewilderment. An English Hasan Raza (even one from Bradford or Southall or Bethnal Green) is a quite inconceivable creature. The youngest England Test debutant — Brian Close, at 18 years and 149 days, versus New Zealand at Old Trafford in 1949 — does not even figure in *Wisden*'s list of the 20 youngest Test players. Ten members of that list are from Pakistan, and four from India.

Are there explanations for this? Does the difference in our cricketing ways and those of the sub-continent reflect also a cultural difference? Do we overprotect our young cricketers, shielding the talented ones unhelpfully from the more testing competition of older opponents? Do boys in Pakistan mature more quickly, both physically and mentally? Or is it the case, as has sometimes been suggested churlishly, that their doctored birth certificates keep them younger for longer?

There are no obvious answers, except that we do seem clearly to resist the "chuck 'em in at the deep end" approach to cricket. County players in their mid-twenties are often referred to as "promising", or as "having potential". The truth is, of course, that we are often distrustful of raw talent, regarding success without proper graft (which includes several seasons served as a county player) as something almost sinful. Structure overpowers intuition in English cricket, leaving little room for such inspired bloodings of youngsters as the West Indies' selection of Garry Sobers when he was 17, or Sachin Tendulkar's debut for India at 16.

Now Raza is playing Tests, too, a very young batsman taking guard for a very young country. Promoted to cricket's uppermost rung by selectors who are prepared to take inspired risks, he will no doubt struggle as he grows in stature. But he has rewritten the record books already, on the first day of his first Test match. *Wisden*, surely, will thank him for that. We know not yet what Zimbabwe's bowlers think of him. Raza is 20 not out overnight, keeping alive the exquisite fantasy of a century today . . . at 14.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Trust hospitals need funds now

From Dr Ben Timmis and others

Sir, We welcome the Prime Minister's announcement of extra resources for the NHS in the event of a Conservative election victory next year (report, October 12; see also letter, October 22). May we urge him, however, to take more immediate action to help the NHS before the election?

There is a widespread consensus that the NHS is facing its most difficult year since 1988, and many NHS trust hospitals in the UK are now in severe financial difficulties. As hospital medical directors and nurse directors, responsible for professional advice to our boards on the safe delivery of high quality patient care, we believe that both safety and quality of care are now threatened by the pressure on funding and services this year.

We are seeing ever-increasing demands on our hospitals from a rising tide of acutely sick patients, and our funding authorities have no resources to meet this extra demand. The result is that some of us are now having to restrict access to patients booked for elective admissions, and trolley-waits in our casualty departments are increasing. The pressure on intensive care units is enormous, and recruiting and retaining staff to work in the current highly pressurised situation is increasingly difficult.

Throughout the whole service, staff at all levels view the coming winter months with justifiable trepidation, and fear for our ability to continue to deliver a safe service. There is still time to make a difference, but it will require a significant commitment of additional resources now.

Yours faithfully,
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Medical Director,
MARIE GRANT,
Nurse Director,
Whittington Hospital NHS Trust,
PETER RICHARDS,
Medical Director,
Northwick Park and St Marks NHS Trust,
JOHN RIORDAN,
Medical Director,
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Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust,
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Medical Director,
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Director of Nursing,
Homerton Hospital NHS Trust,
c/o Whittington Hospital,
Highgate Hill, N19.
October 16.

Testing for HIV

From Professor Michael Rosen

Sir, You report (News in brief, October 15) that a young anaesthetist died from an Aids-related illness and that the NHS trust said "that there was no risk of his blood having passed to patients". The trust only knew of his condition two days before he died.

An HIV-positive anaesthetist who followed the precautions recommended by the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI), published eight years ago, would not pose a risk to a patient. However, when Aids appears, then there may be subtle neurological complications which could reduce compliance with these. As important, the speedy clinical decisions so vital in some specialities, such as anaesthesia, may be affected. In the case reported, therefore, there were risks.

It is my opinion that no individual with Aids should be involved in any clinical practice in which there is a possibility of introducing the virus to a patient, or in which fast responses to patient care are required. To encourage co-operation by those few individuals involved in the UK, there should be generous arrangements for retraining, which do not exist at present.

The trust's ignorance of this case until such a late stage emphasises the need for compulsory, regular, medical examinations (and not only for HIV) for any doctor doing work in which a blood-borne virus might be transmitted to a patient. The medical profession should now consider a voluntary arrangement; and the NHS should agree to fully fund retraining.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ROSEN
(President, Association of
Anaesthetists of Great Britain
and Ireland, 1986-88),
45 Hollybush Road, Cardiff.
October 16.

Matching the deed

From Mr John Brister

Sir, Listening to today's agriculture questions in the House of Commons, I heard the Liberal Democrat MP, Malcolm Bruce, refer to the Government's BSE slaughter policy as "a shambles". Was I the only amateur etymologist to smile?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BRISTER,
14 Wentworth Green,
Norwich, Norfolk.
October 16.

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Drawing together nation's efforts to teach civic values

From Lord Weatherill

Sir, As Founder President of the Institute for Citizenship Studies I write to commend Frances Lawrence for focusing the attention of the public and the political parties (letters, October 23) on the issue of citizenship education in schools. People do not become good citizens by accident — citizenship needs to be learned.

Education for citizenship from a young age is not a new concept. The all-party Commission on Citizenship (1990), which I chaired, recommended that the "the study and experience of citizenship should be a part of every young person's education from the earliest years of schooling and continuing into the post-school years". The Institute for Citizenship Studies, set up on the recommendation of that commission, has been involved in researching and promoting citizenship education.

Early findings from a survey of citizenship education in primary schools, to be published shortly by the institute, show that 76 per cent of primary schools do not have a member of staff with overall responsibility for citizenship education. Only 6 per cent have a separate section on citizenship education in their school development plan; 91 per cent do not have a single written policy covering citizenship education. Clearly there is a pressing need to support teachers in this area.

The institute would like to see a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach to meet this need. We invite all interested parties to draw on our research and join us in our work.

Yours etc,
BERNARD WEATHERILL,
President,
The Institute for Citizenship Studies,
6th floor, Heron House,
322 High Holborn, WC1.
October 23.

From the Chief Executive of Youth Clubs UK

Sir, In the current rush to claim the moral high ground, politicians are in danger of alienating themselves from those young people they are seeking to affect with their albeit worthy schemes for community service and junior OBEs.

There is a danger that young people will finish up as scapegoats for failings elsewhere in a system that in some areas excludes up to 10 per cent of young people from formal education and condones the fact that almost 50 per cent have little to show for ten years' compulsory schooling.

Before rushing to implement quick-fix solutions, politicians should support existing schemes based on quality youth work, such as the Youth Achievement Awards developed by Youth Clubs UK, that can provide real evidence of success.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BATEMAN,
Chief Executive,
Youth Clubs UK,
11 St Bride Street, EC4.
October 23.

From Professor Anthony Mellows, Chancellor of the Order of St John

Sir, May I through your columns assure Frances Lawrence that she has the support of 80,000 St John Ambulance volunteers throughout the land, 50,000 of them under the age of 25. Effort (voluntary effort), earnestness and excellence are what they offer and strive for, applying traditional ideals to modern problems with modern technical skills. To develop these virtues in the young and to enable them to put ideals to practical use in the service of the community is the aim of every St John volunteer.

If, as you suggest in your leader (October 21), you foresee a broad-based movement emerging in response to Mrs Lawrence's manifesto, St John will be part of it.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY MELLOWS,
Chancellor,
The Order of St John,
St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, EC1.
October 23.

From Mr Michael Cooper

Sir, How sad that it took the murder of Philip Lawrence to be the catalyst for Mrs Lawrence's crusade to promote civic values.

It's almost as sad to see the politicians and the Church endorsing her objectives — thus, in effect, demonstrating their lack of ability and leadership in such matters.

Can they still wonder why they are held in such low esteem?

Yours faithfully,
M. S. COOPER,
5 New Road, Little Kingshill,
Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.
October 22.

From Mr Russell A. Hunt

Sir, Mrs Lawrence writes "Public perception has fed on the problems of bad teaching . . ." (article, October 21) and later goes on to discuss the diminishing public status of another profession, the police. One could add medicine, the Church, parliamentarians and voluntary workers of all sorts.

Could there possibly be a correlation between this erosion of confidence and some of the media's insistence on publishing, seemingly daily, reports from investigative journalists proving that all such idols have feet of clay? In the public interest of course.

Yours faithfully,
RUSSELL A. HUNT,
35 Lea Wood Road, Fleet, Hampshire.
October 23.

From Mr John L. Lewis

Sir, It seems ironic that on the two days when the nation has been stirred by the words of Frances Lawrence, *Prime Suspect 5* should have been shown on television on two successive nights, with women being hit and tortured, a knife produced, young people shot and blood flowing freely. This is a long way from helping to banish violence.

Mrs Lawrence's aims also include raising the status of the police. In my view the programme did little to enhance that.

Yours truly,
JOHN LEWIS,
Pump Cottage, Colwall Green,
Malvern, Worcestershire.
October 22.

From Mr W. Frank Harris

Sir, I would love to be able to believe that the violent and antisocial could be persuaded to become responsible members of a community which welcomed them. We've a lot of bridges to cross before that day dawns. But we must, in spite of our disbelief in our fellow men, keep trying: we need the Frances Lawrences of this world to revive any residual belief that we may have that at least some progress can be made in our miserable and socially incompetent species.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK HARRIS,
Acomb High House,
Acomb, Hexham, Northumberland.
October 21.

From Mr Andrew Turek

Sir, "We know no spectacle so ridiculous as the British public in one of its periodical fits of morality" — Lord Macaulay, 1830.

It would be invidious to pick out any of the politicians, clerics, journalists and contributors to these columns who have been falling over themselves to prove Macaulay right: but I see that nothing changes.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW TUREK,
52a The Vale, NW11.
October 23.

War widows' pensions

From Mr T. H. Summers

Sir, Newspaper reports suggest that widows of Japanese prisoners-of-war are in danger of losing some of their pension if their husbands smoked tobacco.

I regard such a lack of gratitude to our wartime soldiers, penalising the survivor of the marriage for the actions of her husband, as mean, unbalanced and discriminatory.

Not only was tobacco one of the few comforts for these brave, oppressed men but medical knowledge did not then consider smoking detrimental to health. On the contrary, in view of the millions of cigarettes issued free to the forces, nicotine was obviously seen as a useful tranquilliser.

If self-inflicted illness or injury is to be singled out for reductions in treatment or humane support for survivors, should not HMG withdraw benefits and national health services from Aids sufferers, single mothers wanting abortions, reckless car drivers, those addicted to alcohol or drugs, injured sportsmen or a host of other masochists who take risks in spite of warnings to the contrary?

Perhaps these war widows might be persuaded to combine and sue HMG for compensation for having aided and abetted the crime of tobacco addiction within the Armed Forces by actively encouraging smoking when under stress.

Yours truly,
T. H. SUMMERS,
Parkwood, 19 Oxford Road,
Woodstock, Oxfordshire.
October 20.

Water management

From the Director of Conservation of the RSPB

Sir, Six new reservoirs in east and southeast England are not the only solution to ensuring adequate water supplies into the next century (report, October 16) nor should they be the first. Reservoirs, in our view, can only be considered as a solution to water provision as part of a wider regional and national strategy.

Wetland wildlife, in particular birds, is highly sensitive to inadequate water supplies. Water companies, in our view, should therefore concentrate on meeting leakage targets, managing the supply more efficiently and making it easier for consumers to buy and use water-saving devices before proposing solutions which potentially damage the environment.

We believe that many companies are failing in their duties in this area, and that grants, advice and incentives are needed to encourage consumers to save water. We also believe that, while leakage continues at unacceptably high levels in many parts of the country, current information on water saving is woefully inadequate.

Demand management, on the other hand, is cost-effective, environmentally friendly and cheaper for customers. It also creates jobs. Despite the Government's latest report on water resources management, there is still no sign of such a strategy.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM WYNNE,
Director of Conservation,
Royal Society for the
Protection of Birds,
The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire.
October 18.

Beryl as 'Maud'

From Mr Peter Nichols

Sir, I was disappointed your obituary of Beryl Reid (October 14) left out her incomparable performance as Maud in my play *Born in the Gardens*, when I directed it at the Bristol Old Vic in 1979. It later opened at the Globe (now the Gielgud) in London for a run of nine months, earning her the Society of West End Theatre's Best Comedy award.

In her speech at the ceremony she thanked me for providing such a lovely vehicle, which made my play seem more like a fork-lift truck. But she was right in that she made every play a vehicle and was always in the driver's seat.

Her appetite for the audience was insatiable, her generous gaiety enhancing the play in a way many "better" actresses couldn't.

"Strange", she later wrote of receiving the award, "I knew it was funny but I thought of it more as acting."

On the day of the Bristol opening her much-loved brother died. At dress-rehearsal, faced with a prop coffin on the stage, she could barely remember a line.

She wrote in her memoirs:

> I knew my brother wouldn't have wanted me to close the play so of course I didn't go to the funeral. But my grief for him was tremendous; it was like my mother's death . . . but you don't really lose them. If you think about them, they don't actually leave your life.

Especially true of performers, of course. And, though there's sadly no recording of her "Maud", for many who saw and remember it, neither she nor Beryl are really lost.

Yours faithfully,
PETER NICHOLS,
22 Belsize Park Gardens, NW3.

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Rumpole 'speculation'

From Mr Michael Beloff, QC

Sir, Your lead Diary item of October 22, "No briefs", states that "there is talk among the Rumpoles" about the adverse impact which the imminence of the general election is having on the legal practice of Cherie Booth, QC. There is no basis to the Rumpoles' speculation.

Lawyers, unlike many of those in the media, are well able to distinguish between the professional career of Ms Booth and that of her husband, Tony Blair. Ms Booth continues to be a highly successful member of these chambers.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BELOFF,
4-5 Gray's Inn Square, WC1.
October 23.

Millennium wail

From Mr John Gudgeon

Sir, What message, I wonder, are we sending to future generations if (according to your front page today) the best we can come up with to celebrate 2,000 years of supposed civilisation is a 500ft Ferris wheel opposite the Mother of Parliaments. Probably quite a short one I would think.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN GUDGEON,
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Downham Market, Norfolk.
October 23.

A broad canvas

From Mrs Sarah Beaumont

Sir, I read with delight the musings of Messrs Cork and Ward (Arts, October 21; letter, October 23) on the coincidence of cut-offs between volumes of encyclopaedia which leave us with *Leather to Macho* and *Back to Bolivia*. I am sure the editors of my *British Encyclopaedia (Illustrated)* thought they were being ever so risqué when in 1933 they published a set of ten volumes, the fifth of which is entitled *Fun to Hug*.

Yours faithfully,
SARAH BEAUMONT,
26 Ray Mill Road West,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.

From Mr M. J. Soley

Sir, Volume 30 of *Halsbury's Statutes* neatly summarises life (*Money, Mortgage, National Health Service*) whilst Volume 13 of *Halsbury's Laws* is certainly unlucky for some (*Discovery to Divorce*).

Yours faithfully,
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October 23.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 24: The Archbishop of Canterbury was received in audience by The Queen.

His Excellency Mr Filimone Jitoko was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Fiji to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Jitoko was also received by The Queen.

Mr Philip Astley (Director, Protocol, Foreign and Commonwealth Office) was present.

Her Majesty received the Bishop of Peterborough (the Right Reverend Ian Cundy) who did homage upon his appointment.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President of the Council) administered the Oath.

The Right Reverend John Waine (Clerk of the Closet) was in attendance.

The following were received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon their appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassadors: Miss Rosemary Spencer (the Kingdom of the Netherlands) and Mr Andrew Bache (the Kingdom of Denmark).

Mrs Bache was also received by The Queen.

Miss Maeve Fort was received by Her Majesty upon her appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of South Africa.

Mr Nicholas Jarrold (Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia) was received by The Queen.

The President of the Republic of Poland and Mrs Kwasniewska visited The Queen and remained to Luncheon.

The Prince Edward was present.

The following were invited: His Excellency Mr Dariusz Rosati (Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland), Mr Andrzej Majkowski (Under-Secretary of State, Presidential Chancellery), His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland and Mrs Stemplowska, Mr Jan Wojciech Piekarski (Director General and Director of the Protocol Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Mr Antoni Styrczula (Presidential Spokesman), Mr Francis Richards and Mr Christopher Hum.

The Queen invested the President of the Republic of Poland with the Insignia of an Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

Her Majesty this evening attended the Annual Service of Dedication for the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, and was received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, the Knight Principal (Sir Conrad Swan), the Bishop of London and the Rector of St Bartholomew the Great, and afterwards attended a Reception in Butchers' Hall, Bartholomew Close, London EC1, and was received by the Master of the Worshipful Company of Butchers.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Action Research, was represented by Sir Greville Spratt at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Lady Cullen of Ashbourne which was held in St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, London SW3, this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 24: The Prince Edward, President, this evening attended a Gala Dinner at St James's Palace to mark the Twentieth Anniversary of the National Youth Music Theatre.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 24: The Prince of Wales today visited West Yorkshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr John Lyles).

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, this morning visited Salts Mill, Saltaire, viewed the David Hockney Galleries and attended a Seminar on "Regeneration through Heritage".

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this afternoon visited Carlisle Business Centre, Bradford, met young people associated with the Trust and attended a presentation to local business leaders on the work of the Trust and Business in the Community.

His Royal Highness, Patron, later visited The Prince of Wales' Hospice, Pontefract, and met residents and staff.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 24: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Nottinghamshire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire (Sir Andrew Buchanan Bt).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the new Newark Hospital, Boundary Road, and afterwards presented the Newark Civic Awards for 1996 at the Town Hall, Newark.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester visited Benoy, Handley House, Northgate, Newark, and afterwards opened the new visitors centre at Southwell Minster. Later His Royal Highness opened the Nottingham Community Housing Association's Castle Station Development, Newark.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 24: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Chief Marshal, this morning visited Headquarters Strike Command, Royal Air Force High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit Newbury Town Hall at 10.45 to mark the 400th anniversary of Newbury's Royal Charter; will visit the Mencap Centre at 11.35; and will visit Clere School, Burghclere, at 12.25.

The Prince of Wales will address the Institute of Personnel and Development annual conference at the Harrogate International Centre at 12.30.

The Duke of York, as trustee, will attend a reception at the Royal Naval College Greenwich at 7.00 in aid of the Friends of the National Maritime Museum.

Princess Margaret, as president, will visit the Horder Centre for Arthritis, Crowborough, East Sussex, at 3.00 and will open the new rehabilitation garden for disabled patients.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre, will attend a reception at 8.15 to mark the centre's silver jubilee, Frensham Heights, Farnham, Surrey.

Appointment

Sir Christopher Mallaby to be a Trustee of the Tate Gallery for a period of five years.

Nutcracker Ball

There are still a few tickets available for The 1996 Nutcracker Ball at the Hilton Hotel on Wednesday, November 27. Organised jointly by The British-German Association and the German-British Chamber of Industry and Commerce, and celebrating this year the 25th Anniversary of the latter, tickets are £60 each (including dinner), with corporate tables of 10 or 12 at £100 per person. Application may be made to Mrs Ursula Stock, British-German Association, 18 Conduit Street, W1R 9TD (tel: 0171-629 4975; fax: 0171 629 5162). Non-members will be most welcome.

Baron MacLaurin of Knebworth

The life barony conferred upon Sir Ian Charter MacLaurin has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron MacLaurin of Knebworth, of Knebworth in the County of Hertfordshire.

Baron Whitty

The life barony conferred upon Mr John Lawrence Whitty has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Whitty, of Camberwell in the London Borough of Southwark.

Memorial services

Lady Cullen of Ashbourne

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of Action Research, was represented by Sir Greville Spratt, chairman, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady Cullen of Ashbourne held yesterday at St Mary's, Cadogan Street. Canon Vincent Berry officiated, assisted by Mgr Graham Adams who read the Gospel. Canon Michael Richards led the bidding prayers.

The Hon Julia Wigart, daughter, and Mr Ian Doulton read the lessons. Mr Michael Denison gave an address. Among others present were:

Lord Cullen of Ashbourne (husband), Mr Sture Wigart (son-in-law), Miss Sveva Costa (granddaughter), Mrs Rani Hansen (sister), the Hon Mrs Vandernoot (sister-in-law), Mr John Cokayne (brother-in-law), Mrs Michael Ryan, Mrs Don Hoover, Miss Dulcie Gray, Mrs Ian Doulton, Mr Eric Wigart and other members of the family.

The Duchess of Wellington, the Duchess of Portland, Mary Duchess of Roxburghe, Viscount and Viscountess Davidson, Lady Martin Fitzalan-Howard, Baroness Masham of Ilton, Lady Reigate, Lord and Lady Orr-Ewing, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Denham, Lord Newall, Lord and Lady Terrington, Lord Boardman, Lord and Lady Elton, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord Pender, Nadine Lady Kilearn, Lord Savile, Adeline Lady Ampthill, Lord Lyell.

The Hon Lady de Zulueta, Lady Wrightson, Elizabeth Lady Gilbey, Anne Lady Jaffray, Sir Thomas Stockdale, Lady Jackson, Lady Villiers, Lady Baring, Lady Pulbrook, Major-General Sir George Cooper, Lady Gardener-Thorpe, Prince Alexander Galitzine, Mrs Vane Ivanovic, Mr and Mrs Graham Matthews, Mrs Betty Kenwood, Mr Peter Sanguinetti, Miss Juliet Wrightson.

Mr Dudley Fishburn, MP, Mr William Harris, QC, Mrs Anthony Doulton, Mrs Virginia Barrington, Mrs Christopher Hanbury, Mrs Edward Courage, Mr Alexander Martin, Mrs H Earle, Mrs Anne-Marie Ponsonby, Mrs William Heinemann, Mrs Michael Hendrie, Mrs David Drummond, Mrs Peter Spencer-Smith, Mrs Richard Cornwall, Mrs Stanley Cayzer, Mrs Anne Luther (director, Action Research), and many other friends.

Lord Tweedsmuir

The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr John Saunders, Secretary to the Council on Tribunals, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Tweedsmuir held yesterday at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street. The Rev W. Alexander Cairns, Associate Minister, the Rev Keith Triplow, Rector of the Church of St John the Baptist, Kingston Bagpuize, Oxfordshire, and the Rev Charles Robertson, Minister of the Canongate Kirk (Kirk of Holyroohouse), Edinburgh, officiated.

Colonel Paul F. Black, Honorary Colonel of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment (Canadian Mil) and Mrs Kate Love, Chairman of the John Buchan Society, read the lessons. The Master of Selkirk, grandson, read *The Summons of Mr Valiant-for-Truth* from *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan and Lord Boyd-Carpenter gave an address.

During the service Pipe Major Ian King of the London Scottish Regiment played *Flowers of the Forest* and *Monymusk*. Among others present were:

Jean Lady Tweedsmuir (widow), Lord and Lady James Douglas-Hamilton (son-in-law and daughter), the Hon Charles Douglas-Hamilton, the Hon James Douglas-Hamilton and the Hon Harry Douglas-Hamilton (grandsons), the Hon Mrs Anne Grant, Sir Archibald Grant, Mr and Mrs Francis Grant, Mr Duncan Grant, Mr and Mrs Christopher Blackwell and Miss Sarah Grant (step-children), Mr Pareskevas Mangriotis and Mr Arthuros Mangriotis (step-grandchildren), Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs Anthony Crossley, Lady Legge-Bourke and Lady Bowman (sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Michael Tollemache (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), the Hon John and Mrs Buchan, Lady Stewartby, the Hon Edward and Mrs Buchan, the Hon James and Lady Evelyn Buchan, Mr and the Hon Mrs Charles Wide, the Hon Alexander and Mrs Buchan, Mr and Mrs Richard Bent, Mr David Buchan, Mr and Mrs Benjamin Buchan, Sir Edmund and Lady Fairfax-Lucy, Mr and Mrs James Lambe, Alasdair and Christopher Buchan, the Hon Louisa Stewart, William, Annabel and Laura Buchan, Emily and Thomas Wide, Sophie Gray, Mr Adam Buchan, Penelope Countess of Lindsay, Marchesa Franco d'Ayala Valva, Miss Juliet Tollemache, Mrs Peter Beckett, Mrs William Saloman, Elizabeth Duchess of Hamilton, Lady Eleanor Douglas-Hamilton (also representing the Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Holyroohouse), Lord Patrick Douglas-Hamilton, Mrs Brian Power, Miss Margaret Peyton-Jones, Mrs Jeremy Peyton-Jones, Commander Loftus Peyton-Jones, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and other members of the family.

The High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs MacLaren with Lieutenant-Colonel M Swan (Assistant Military Attaché); the Marquess of Downshire, the Earl of Home, the Earl of Lauderdale, Lady Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Gainford, Lord Windlesham (representing Brasenose College, Oxford), Lord and Lady Crathorne, Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, Lord Remnant, Lord Luke, Lord Gray, Baroness Carnegy of Lour, Lord Renton, QC, Lord Shaughnessy, Lord Campbell of Croy, Lord Dunboyne.

Sir Hector Monro, MP, and Lady Monro, the Hon Mrs Marybelle Drummond, the Hon Lady Bonsor, the Hon Peter and Mrs Strutt, the Hon Edward and Mrs Boscowen, Judith Lady Roberts and Mr Petre Crowder, QC, (Primrose League), Lady Kennard, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Sir Hardy Amies, Lady Hanley, Lady Glenn, Sir Gilbert Longden, Lady French.

Mrs Paul Black, Captain and the Hon Mrs David Buchan of Auchmacoy, Major and Mrs John Macdonald of Tote, Colonel and Mrs David Crichton-Maitland, Mr and Mrs William Buchanan, Ms Linda Long-Innes, Mrs S Henniker-Heaton, Mr Christopher Lethbridge, Mrs Ursula Hoare, Mr Francis Russell, Mr Peter Ford, Mr and Mrs Roy Calvocoressi, Miss Y Calvocoressi, Mr Michael Rose-Cormack-Lyons, Mr Felix Appelbe, Mr Brett Artus, Mr John Taylor, Mr David Donne, Dr Janet Adam Smith, Mrs Hugh Greenwood, Mr Alastair Manson, Mrs J Forbes, Mr Andrew Lowrie, His Honour Marcus Anwyl-Davies, QC, Mr Paul Williams, Mr Roger Ellis, Mr David Hall, Mrs Anna Stoker, Mr Robert de Stackpole, Mr Iain Sproat, MP, Mr Derek Jackson.

Mr Russell Paterson (secretary, John Buchan Society) with Dr Richard Love, Dr Kate Macdonald (editor of the journal) and other members of the society, Regimental Sergeant Major R Buchanan and Major Ray McGill (Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment (Canadian Mil)), Mr Anthony Boosey, Miss Jane Fenton, Captain Richard Grant-Rennick and Mrs Georgina Harding (vice-presidents, The Hawk and Owl Trust) and Mrs Boosey.

Mr Derek Jackson (IBEET), Mr Ronald Warlow (a vice-president, 1900 Club), Dr Douglas Woolf and Miss Janet Innes (Arthritis Care), Mr Alexander Nicol (Aberdeen University), Mr John W Rae (Oxford Society) Mr John Keatley (chairman, Lansdowne Club), Mr Robert Linsley (secretary, Carlton Club), Mr Michael Maurice (MPI), Mr Stephen E A Green (Marylebone Cricket Club).

Mr Richard Lay (Royal and Sun Alliance), Mrs Rita Hogg (chairman, Institute of Exports), Commander N Fuller (secretary, Flyfishers' Club), Mr John Grimshaw (Oxford University Exploration Club), Dr Ian Ashwell (British Schools Exploring Society), representatives from Kingston Bagpuize and many other friends and former colleagues from the United Kingdom and overseas.

Mr W.S. Smith

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr William S (Bill) Smith a former Master of the Company of Water Conservators, was held yesterday at St Micahel's, Cornhill. The Rev Adrian Hopwood, Honorary Chaplain of the Company, officiated. Ms Patricia Henton, President of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management, read the lesson and Mr Edward Flaxman, Master, read from the works of John Donne. Dr Peter Matthews of Anglian Water gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Smith (widow); the Wardens, Court of Assistants and Freemen of the Company, representatives from City Livery Companies and many friends and former colleagues.

Joe Mercer, racing manager, is 62 today

Birthdays today

Sir Robert Andrew, civil servant, 68; Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Beverley, 61; Sir Martin Gilbert, historian, 60; Mr Michael Lawrence, former chief executive, the Stock Exchange, 53; Mr Peter McHugh, director of programmes, GMTV, 50; Sir David Mansel Lewis, Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed, 69; Sir John Mayhew-Sanders, company chairman, 65; Sir George Russell, chairman, ITC, 61; Mr A.C. Smith, chief executive, TCCB, 60; Mr Keith Taylor, chairman and chief executive, Esso UK, 58; Miss Galina Vishnevskaya, soprano, 70; Dame Gillian Wagner, former chairman, court of governors, Thomas Coram Foundation for Children, 69; Miss Judith Weleminsky, independent management consultant, 46; Professor D.J. Wiseman, Emeritus Professor of Assyriology, London University, 78.

Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor

The Queen attended the annual service of dedication of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor held yesterday at the Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield. The Bishop of London gave an address. The Queen, who was received by the Lord Mayor of London, presented a sword to the society. Later the Queen attended a reception at Butchers' Hall.

Dinners

Baroness Trumpington
Baroness Trumpington was the host at a dinner held last night at the House of Lords for the Animal Health Trust.

Bowyers' Company
Mr Peter Begent, Master of the Bowyers' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall to mark the victory of the English bowmen at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415. Mr Richard Model and Sir Colin Cole were the speakers.

Scriveners' Company
Alderman Sir Christopher and Lady Walford, Alderman Sir David and Lady Rowe-Ham, Sir Derek and Lady Andrews and Wing Commander and Mrs Peter Williams were the principal guests at the annual ladies' dinner of the Scriveners' Company held last night at Apothecaries' Hall. Mr B.D. O'Meara, Master, presided, assisted by Mr D. Jackson and Mr O.J.R. Kinsey, Wardens. Mr John Millard also spoke. The Masters and Clerks of the Salters', Poulters', Wheelwrights', Master Mariners' and Solicitors' Companies and their ladies were among the guests.

London University Inner Temple Society
Judge Elfer was the guest of honour at a dinner given by London University Inner Temple Society last night at The Dockmaster's House, Canary Wharf. Mr Peter Petts, chairman, presided.

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) held its annual dinner last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Mr Rod Hill, President of CIMA, presided. Guests included representatives from industry, commerce and the public services.

Two Cities Dining Club
The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, Patron of the Two Cities Dining Club, was the guest speaker at a dinner held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Mr Kenneth Dibben, chairman, presided.

Gray's Inn
Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, Treasurer of Gray's Inn, was the host at a dinner held at Gray's Inn on October 22 for the "Ancients": barristers in independent practice at the Bar, aged 65 or more.

Alamein Dinner

The 1996 Alamein Dinner was held last night at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich, to mark the decisive role played by the British and Commonwealth Artillery during the Battle of El Alamein. Brigadier M.G. Douglas-Withers, Director Royal Artillery, presided. During the dinner the Officers of the Regiment bade farewell to General Sir Martin Farndale who will relinquish his appointment as Master Gunner of St James's Park on November 20.

Service dinner

RN College Greenwich
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, KG, was the principal guest and proposed the toast to *The Immortal Memory* at a dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich to mark the 191st anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Commander J.M.C. Maughan, Commander of the College, presided.

Luncheons

Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies
Major-General Viscount Monckton of Brenchley, President of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, presided at a convocation luncheon held yesterday at the Charing Cross Hotel. During the luncheon, Lord Monckton presented the Julian Bickersteth Memorial Medal to the Genealogical Society of Utah and Dr Michael Siddons, Wales Herald Extraordinary, received the Paul Adam-Even Prize, on behalf of the Academie Internationale d'Heraldique, from Archbishop Bruno Heim, vice-president. Mr Duncan Harrington also spoke.

English-Speaking Union
Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare was the speaker at a literary luncheon of the English-Speaking Union held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the E-SU, presided and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, director-general, received the guests.

Arkwright 6th Form Scholarships 1996-97

Fifty five 6th Formers receive their Arkwright Awards for Design and Technology today from Mr Keith Taylor, Chairman and Chief Executive, Esso UK plc, at The Annual Presentation Ceremony at The Grey Coat Hospital, Westminster. We would like to thank the ninety four Companies, Organisations and Trusts for making it possible to award these Scholarships.

Two hundred and fifty schools now offer Arkwright Scholarships for sixth formers aiming to read Engineering, Design and Technology at University. Further information from Tony Pickering, Bradstone House, 4 Courtlands, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxon, OX7 6DR.

Reading Blue Coat School

Mr S. James McArthur, BSc, MA, CertEd, FColP, currently Headmaster, Langley School, Norfolk has been appointed to succeed Rev Allan C.E. Sanders as Headmaster from September 1997.

Reception

Zambia Society Trust
The High Commissioner for Zambia, Mr Love Mtesa, was the guest of honour at a reception given last night by the Zambia Society Trust at the Hop Exchange to mark the 32nd anniversary of Zambia's independence.

Lecture

Leo Baeck College
Crown Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan delivered a lecture and received the Leo Baeck College Interfaith Award at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism yesterday.

The Hon Mrs Alastair Buchan, sister-in-law, regrets that she was unable to attend the memorial service for Lord Tweedsmuir yesterday.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. Aeron-Thomas
and Miss C.M. Mayo
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Aeron-Thomas, of Abergavenny, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Mayo, of Wimbledon.

Mr D. Brook
and Miss J.C. Nicholas
The engagement is announced between Daniel, only son of Mr and Mrs Jack Brook, of Southsea, and Juliet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Nicholas, of Catherington, Hampshire.

Mr R.J. Edwards
and Miss L.A.E. Naylor
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mrs Marjorie Edwards and the late Mr Albert Edwards, of Oakengates, Shropshire, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Naylor, of Wrenbury, Cheshire.

Mr F. Garcia Fernandez
and Miss L.K. Sale
The engagement is announced between Francisco, son of the late Señor Arturo Garcia Gonzalez and Señora Amparo Fernandez Fernandez, of Oviedo, Spain, and Lynda Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert J. Sale, of Eryholme, Co Durham.

Mr P.E. Higson
and Miss K.E. Kozlowska
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Derry Higson, of Pakenham, Suffolk, and Katarzyna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bogdan Kozlowski, of Bydgoszcz, Poland.

Mr R.G.A. Olliver
and Miss M.K.A. Hudson
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Orme Olliver, of Kingston Stert, Oxfordshire, and Karina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neville Hudson, of Bayford, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.W. Tattersall
and Miss T.H. Wexler
The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs W.H. Tattersall, of Poole, Dorset, and Tonya Helaine, daughter of Dr and Mrs Moise Leonard Wexler, of New Orleans.

Mr W.J.H. Spooner
and Miss M.J. St Maur Sheil
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Sir James and Lady Spooner, of Pytchley, Northamptonshire, and Miranda, younger daughter of Major and Mrs William St Maur Sheil, of Churt, Surrey.

Mr T.D. Taylor
and Miss C. Shopland
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs John Taylor, of Haywards Heath, Sussex, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Shopland, of Slaugham, Sussex.

Mr G.G. Wellesley
and Miss S.J. Rennie
The engagement is announced between Gerald, only son of Mr and Mrs Robin Wellesley, of Edenbridge, Kent, and Stephanie, only daughter of the late Mrs Margaret Rennie, of Aberdeen.

Marriages

Mr G.A. Hawthorn
and Miss H.M. Callaghan
The marriage took place on October 19, 1996, in Arundel Cathedral, of Mr Graham Alan Hawthorn, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Hawthorn, of Ayr, to Miss Helen Margaret Callaghan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Callaghan, of East Preston, West Sussex.

The bride was attended by Mrs Linda Beech and Miss Charlotte Callaghan. Mr Stuart Hawthorn was best man.

Mr N.J. Myer
and Miss J.R. Roberts
The marriage took place on October 18, in Rossett, of Nicholas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Myer, of Hamsey, Lewes, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Roberts, of Wrexham.

Mr H.W.G. Stamper
and Mrs M.R. Suthers
The marriage took place on Wednesday, October 23, at Margaret River, Western Australia, between Henry William Gilborn Stamper and Margaret Rose Suthers.

Inns of Court awards

Middle Temple

Major Scholarships 1996-97

Queen Mother's Fund: Eilidh Gardner, Newcastle Univ; David Head, Hertford, Oxford; Jonathan Hough, St Hugh's, Oxford; Patrick Lewis, Univ Coll, London; Harriet Maurice-Williams, Univ Coll, London; Caolmhe McDermott, Warwick Univ; Evelyn Bugeja, Liverpool Univ; Andrew de Mestre, Magdalene, Cambridge; Katherine Deal, St Hugh's, Oxford; Faye Vaysbakh-Duncan, Lancaster Univ; Sean O'Sullivan, Exeter, Oxford; Omar Rashid, Downing, Cambridge; Jeremy Reed, Peterhouse, Cambridge; Leon Sartin, Southampton Univ; Lorna Skinner, Newnham, Cambridge; Andrew Smith, St Hugh's, Oxford; Paul Sinclair, Gonville & Caius, Cambridge; Nicholas Barber, Exeter, Oxford; Martin Chamberlain, Jesus, Oxford; Judith Ayling, King's, Cambridge; Anna de Chassiron, Gonville & Caius, Cambridge; Polly Higgins, Glasgow Univ; Geoffrey Pritchard, Bristol Univ.

Queen Mother Fox: Caolmhe McDermott, Warwick Univ; Navaz Daruwalla, School of Oriental & African Studies; Christopher Young, Leeds Univ.

Harmsworth: Fiona Ghosh, Lincoln, Oxford; Tom Little, Nottingham Univ; Daniel Monteith, Bristol Poly; James Nicholls, Kent Univ; Steven Evans, De Montfort Univ; Sharon Flockhart, Westminster Univ; Andrew Ford, Sheffield Univ; Alan Gardner, Leeds Univ; Lucy Owens, Kingston Univ; Peter Skelton, York Univ; Susan Thomson, Nottingham Trent Univ; Alexander Offer, Robinson, Cambridge; Elizabeth Hodgetts, Mansfield, Oxford; David Abrahams, Clare, Cambridge.

Diplock: Elizabeth Gibson, Wolverhampton Univ; Christopher Middleton, Kingston Univ; Lucy McLynn, Bristol Univ; Nicola Ainsworth, Leeds Univ; Matthew Bean, Durham Univ; Michael Bowmer, King's Coll, London; Darren Crispin, Durham Univ; Bridget Dolan, Bradford Univ; Evan Price, City Univ; Anushka Rosen, Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Sally Terris, St Catherine's, Cambridge; Ralph Wilde, LSE; Victoria Williams, Royal Holloway & Bedford Coll, London; Clare Weir, Queens', Cambridge; Ronit Kreisberger, Wadham, Oxford; Christopher Allen, St Hugh's, Oxford; Peter Barr, School of Pharmacy, London Univ; Sean Murphy, Pembroke, Oxford; Daniel Paul, RAM, Open Univ.

Astbury: Thomas Hinchliffe, Brasenose, Oxford; James Martin-Jenkins, Queen's, Oxford; Vivek Kumar, Trinity Coll, Cambridge; Lynne McCafferty, Lincoln, Oxford; Pankaj Madan, Magdalene, Cambridge; Emily Belson, Churchill, Cambridge; Adam Cannon, Magdalene, Cambridge; Charles Dougherty, Magdalen, Oxford; Alison Foulkes, Downing, Cambridge; Roberta Penn, Churchill, Cambridge; Jonathan Sampson, Trinity Coll, Cambridge; Nicola Shannon, Selwyn, Cambridge; Nicholas Siddall, Downing, Cambridge; Victoria Beacham, Somerville, Oxford; David A Brooke, Univ Coll, London; Edward Peters, Gonville & Caius, Cambridge; Elizabeth Errington, St Hilda's, Oxford; Eleanor Duhs, Somerville, Oxford.

Jules Thorn: David Hughes, Wolverhampton Univ; Susannah Jones, Homerton, Cambridge; Noshaba Khan, King's Coll, London; Judith Butler, Balliol, Oxford; Gayle Campbell, Queen Mary & Westfield Coll, London; Navneet Cheema, Robinson, Cambridge; Clare Dodd, Westminster Univ; Richard Edwards, Southampton Univ; Steven Powles, LSE; *Claire Sparrow, St Andrews Univ; Christopher Taft, Manchester Univ; Francesca del Mese, Anglia Poly Univ;* Joanna Evans, Leicester Univ; Rufus Taylor, Edinburgh Univ.

Benefactors: Laura Bainbridge, Magdalene, Cambridge; Noel Beale, Nottingham Univ; Kerry Campbell, Portsmouth Univ; Alexandra Frith, King's Coll, London; Audrey Llewellyn-Evans, Univ of Wales, Cardiff; Arlene Small, Brunel Univ; Kama Melly, Leeds Univ; Sean O'Sullivan, Exeter, Oxford; Daniel Ornstein, Wadham, Oxford; Nabil Rafiq, Brunel Univ; Lubina Rasul, Brunel Univ; Alan Robertshaw, North London Univ; David Sunman, Queen's Coll, Cambridge; Patrick Heneghan, Downing, Cambridge; Amanda Clarke, Manchester Univ; Sean Huggett, Manchester Univ; James Percival, New Coll, Oxford; Claire Worsley, Worcester, Oxford

Stanley Wareing House (Accommodation Award): Katherine Deal; Thomas Little; Kama Melly; Claire Sparrow; Leon Sartin.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Johann Strauss the Younger, composer of *The Blue Danube*, Vienna, 1825; Georges Bizet, composer, Paris, 1838; Pablo Picasso, painter, Malaga, Spain, 1881.

DEATHS: Geoffrey Chaucer, poet, London, 1400; Sir Charles Halle, pianist and conductor, Manchester, 1895; Mary McCarthy, novelist, New York, 1989.

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Peter answered, 'No, Lord, I have never eaten anything profane or unclean. The voice came again, a second time, 'It is not for you to call profane what God counts clean'. Acts of the Apostles 10 : 14,15

BIRTHS

BARNARD - On October 23rd, 1996, to Emma (née Guinness) and James, a son, Benjamin Philip.

BUDD - On October 21st, to Dawn and Jeremy, a son, Laurence Jeremy, a brother for Alexandra.

CHAPMAN - On September 16th, to Fiona (née Pelly) and Nick, a daughter, Tatiana Poppy Ruth, a sister for Fred and Katie.

CREAN - On 18th October at The Portland Hospital, to Louise (née Rowsell) and Paul, twin boys, Hector John and Roby Alexander, brothers for Max.

DANCASTER - On October 19th, to Jill (née Hales) and David, a daughter, Harriet Elizabeth, a sister for Thomas and James.

EASTWOOD - On October 19th, 1996 to Franny (née Leeper) and Sam, a son, Jack Seymour.

GUNN - On 22nd October 1996 at The Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh, to Caroline (née Barr-Sim) and Niall, twins, a son and a daughter.

HEWITT - On October 17th 1996, a daughter to Annabel (née Roome) and Christopher, Rosanna Claire, a sister for Isobel.

LOWSLEY-WILLIAMS - On October 24th, to Ben and Charlotte, a son.

NIGHTINGALL - On October 19th, to Hilary (née Allen) and Robert, a daughter, Olivia Kristina, a sister for James, Georgina and Harry.

NIXON - Richard and Jane are proud to announce the arrival of Edward Carrington Griffin Nixon on 24th October, a first and long awaited grandchild for Peg and Griff.

BIRTHS

NOYES - On October 20th in Switzerland, to Trina (née Purves) and David, a daughter, Lucy Claire, a sister for Robert.

ORCHARD - On 18th October, to Lucinda (née Emrys-Roberts) and Gus, a son, Philip Edmund, a brother for Rosie, Peter and Benedict.

RADFORD - On October 23rd, to Camilla (née Maitland) and Tim, a daughter, India Georgina, a sister for Harry.

THORPE - On October 10th 1996, to Susan (née Morphew) and Simon, a son, Patrick James, a brother for Miles.

DEATHS

ACON - Lt. Cmdr. Neville Acon, R.D., R.N.R., peacefully in his sleep on October 22nd 1996. Beloved husband of the late Hilda Mary, dear father of David and daughter-in-law Tracie. Service at St Luke's Church, Crosby, Liverpool on Tuesday October 29th at 11.30 am followed by interment in the Churchyard. Donations if desired may be sent for the R.N.L.I. Enquiries to Howard Funeral Directors (01704) 565694.

BARCLAY - Sir Roderick Edward, G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G. Peacefully on October 24th 1996, aged 87. Devoted husband of the late Jean Barclay and much loved father of Gillie, Susan, Davina and Joe, fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Small, private service Latimer Parish Church, 3 pm Thursday October 31st. No flowers. Donations, if desired, payable to Latimer P.C.C. c/o Stuart Price Funeral Service, 13, Hill Avenue, Amersham, Bucks., HP6 5BD, tel: (01494) 434484. Memorial Service in London - details to be announced.

DEATHS

BULL - Canon Frank Spencer on October 23rd 1996. Much loved Priest. Beloved husband of Aileen and dear father of Jennifer, Rosalind and Annette. Private funeral service. A Thanksgiving Service at St Nicholas Church, Kenilworth, to be arranged.

BURMAN - Gillian Sara Russell (Gill) on Wednesday October 23rd 1996 in hospital after an illness so bravely borne, of Barmby on the Marsh, Howden, Goole, aged 48 years. Beloved wife of John, much loved daughter of Joe and Ella Sprott, daughter-in-law of Eric and Betty Burman, a dear sister-in-law and auntie. Committal Service will be held at York Crematorium Tuesday October 29th at 12.30 pm followed by a service to celebrate Gill's life in the Parish Church, Barmby on the Marsh, 1.45 pm the same day. Flowers will be accepted or if desired donations for the R.S.P.C.A., The Action Aid Campaign and the Macmillan Nurses Appeal c/o A. Fletcher & Sons, 31 Edinburgh Street, Goole, DN14 5EH, tel: (01405) 763130.

BURRIDGE - Anthony Stephen, aged 39, tragically in an accident on 22nd October 1996. Beloved husband of Emma, loving father of James and Alexander, and only son of Ray and Chris Burridge of Ashcroft, Somerset. Private funeral, family flowers only. Service of remembrance in the City to be announced later.

DAVIES - Elspeth on October 18th 1996 suddenly but peacefully at Knowle Park Nursing Home, late of Guildford, aged 92. Devoted wife of the late Miles Davies C.B. and loved by all who knew her. Funeral on Monday 28th October at 2pm at the Guildford Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

CHATTEY - Thomas William, Lieut. Col. O.B.E. (retd) died peacefully at home 19th October aged 83. Most dearly loved and very loving husband of Pamela. God Bless Him. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Victoria Road, Kensington, W8, at 11am on Wednesday 30th October, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Star and Garter Home, c/o J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, London, W8 6LA, tel: (0171) 937-0757.

DAVIS - Barbara (née Pole) suddenly on October 21st, beloved wife of Norman and loving mother of Richard. Funeral Service at Little Common Methodist Church, Bexhill-on-Sea, on Thursday October 31st at 2.15 pm, prior to cremation in Eastbourne. Family flowers only. Donations to Richard Davis Trust, South Bank University c/o Mummery Funeral Directors, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill, East Sussex TN40 1AH.

EVANS - On October 21st peacefully at Trinity Hospice after a short illness Charles William Evans. Will be sadly missed by his wife Mary, sons Robert, Philip and Christopher, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends. Funeral will take place on Thursday 31st October 1996 at Putney Vale Crematorium 3.30 pm. No flowers but donations if desired to Trinity Hospice c/o E. Larner & Son, 246 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, SW15 6TG, tel: (0181) 788-2942.

GLADWYN - Hubert Miles Gladwyn Jebb, 1st Baron, GCMG GCVO CB, on Thursday October 24th, peacefully at home, aged 96. Widower of Cynthia and father of Miles, Vanessa and Stella. Funeral at St Andrew's Bramfield at 12 noon Monday October 28th, friends and neighbours only. A Memorial Service will be held in London.

EVANS - The Reverend Kenneth Percy Evans OBE, MA. For 32 years a Naval Chaplain and later Vicar of St Disen's Church of Bradninch, Devon and also sometime Mayor. Very dearly loved and loving husband, father and grandfather, died very suddenly whilst walking on holiday in Crete October 19th 1996. Funeral at St Beuno's Church, Berriew, near Welshpool, on Friday November 1st 1996 at 2.30 pm. Private cremation at a later date. Family flowers only. Any enquiries to J. Ellis (01686) 640248.

GOSS - In loving memory of Laurence Joseph Goss, husband of Barbara and father of Penny, Michael and Christopher; died 18th October 1996, aged 79. Goodbye Laurie, Dad, Grandpa. You will always be in our hearts.

KOENIG - (née Saunders). The writer Edith Saunders passed away on October 22nd 1996, in Oxford, aged 93 years. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium, on Monday October 28th at 11.45am. Flowers to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford. A Memorial Service will take place at Temple Lodge, 51 Queen Caroline Street, London W6, on Saturday November 30th, at 10.45 am.

LAW - Heather, on October 24th, peacefully at home in the presence of her family. Beloved wife of Horace and mother of Philippa, Robert, Deborah and Edward and devoted grandmother. Funeral at St Mary and St Gabriel, South Harting, on Wednesday October 30th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished to the Bible Society.

HARRISON - John G, on October 22nd, peacefully, at The Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond. Formerly of Bramhall, Cheshire. Dearly beloved husband of Margaret and much loved father of Peter, Jane, John and Rosemary. Loving grandfather to Mark, Michelle, Jonathan, Charlotte and Amber. Funeral Service will take place at Woking Crematorium (nr Brookwood RAF cemetery) on Wednesday, October 30th, at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey. (0181 940 1351).

LINDSAY - Ellen. Widow of Dr. Stanley Lindsay family doctor in Harrow Weald. Late of Friston Sussex. Suddenly while visiting her daughter in USA. Mother of Judith and David, grandmother of Ian, Alison, Roland and Alexander. Memorial Service Evercreech Parish Church Saturday November 2nd 1 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to British Heart Foundation. Further information tel: (01749) 830640.

LORIMER - Francis Charles Swan. At Edinburgh on 22nd October 1996, Francis Charles Swan (Frank) Sudan Political Service, last British Governor of Kordofan, beloved husband of Isobel (née Lorimer), very dear father of Gordon and much loved grandfather of Melissa, John and Christopher. Service and interment at The Dean Cemetery Edinburgh (Dean Path Gate) on Tuesday 29th October at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please.

LENAGHAN - On October 23rd peacefully at Yeovil District Hospital, Millicent (née Kennedy), aged 90 years. Much loved mother of Brian and David. Service at St George's Church, Hinton St George, Somerset at 2.15 pm on Monday October 28th, followed by private cremation at Yeovil Crematorium. Interment of Ashes at Christ Church, Ballyculter, Strangford, Co. Down at 3 pm on Wednesday October 30th. Donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I., Poole, Dorset.

MORAN - Patrick Graham tragically on October 17th aged 37. Husband of Carol and father of Lisa and Fiona. His funeral service will take place today, October 25th at St John Fisher R.C. Church, Shepperton, Middx. at 12.45pm followed by burial in Staines Cemetery at 2 pm. Donations to Cancer Research c/o Lodge Bros., 4 Clarendon Road, Ashford, Middx. Tel: (01784) 262226.

MORTON EVANS - Kenneth of Pond End House, aged 86, on October 23rd 1996, dearly loved by Gina, his wife, and his family. Cremation at Woking Crematorium at 12.30 pm on Monday 28th October. No flowers, but donations, if wished to either King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, or to The Radio Amateur's Invalid & Blind Club both c/o Patrick & Co., Funeral Directors, 86 East Street, Farnham, GU9 7TP (Farnham - 01252-714884) to whom any enquiries can be directed.

OWEN-HUGHES - Alwen. On October 23rd, 1996, after a short illness, aged 87. A loving and much loved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt. Funeral Service St Leonard's Church, Burleigh, Friday November 1st 1.30pm. Flowers or any donations to St Leonard's Church. All enquiries to Forsey and Son, tel: 01458 850654.

MOORE - Joan, wife of R.A.A. (Bob) Moore of Kintbury, Berkshire, after a long illness. Funeral Service at St Mary The Virgin Church, Kintbury, Nr. Hungerford, Tuesday 29th October at 11.30 am followed by private Cremation. Memorial Service Sunday 3rd November at 11.30 am at The Parish Church, Thornfalcon, Nr. Taunton, Somerset. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for MENCAP or NSPCC may be sent to A.E. Baker & Sons, Funeral Directors, 49/51 Groundwell Road, Swindon, Wilts.

SIMS - Helen passed peacefully away on Monday 21st October 1996 in Frenchay Hospital Bristol. A loving and devoted mother to Phil and gran to Douglas and Jennifer. Funeral Service Canford Crematorium, Bristol, Tuesday 29th October at 1.30 pm. Flowers to H.G. Harris, 9 Broad Street, Staple Hill, Bristol.

SPENCER - Group Captain John H. Spencer M.B.E. 1919-1996. On Monday October 21st 1996, at his home in Snape Suffolk, 37 years Service RAF. 12 years NATO Headquarters, Brussels. At John's request, Cremation private. No flowers. No donations.

TAFT - Alexander John David, on October 22nd peacefully in Bournemouth aged 91. Beloved husband of Robbie and dear father of Clare and John, grandfather and great-grandfather. Formerly of F.W. Woolworth and Co. Ltd. Funeral at Bournemouth Crematorium on Tuesday October 29th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for the Dorset Renal Unit, Dorchester Hospital, may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32/34 Parkstone Road, Poole, Dorset.

PARRY - On 20th October, Gabriella, loved wife of the late Group Captain Richard Parry. Sadly missed by Jennifer, Lindsay and her grandchildren. Family funeral preferred. Donations to SSAFA, 9 Queen Elizabeth Street, SE1 2LP.

TUCK - Mary (née McDermott), CBE, aged 68, on 20th October 1996 at Ettington Park near Stratford-upon-Avon peacefully and suddenly at a conference. Much loved wife of Robin and mother of Lucy, Maria, James and Oliver. Funeral at St Francis of Assisi, Pottery Lane, London W11, on Wednesday 30th October at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to John Nodes Funeral Directors, tel: 0181-969 1819. Memorial service details to be announced later.

WADE - On October 23rd peacefully in Harrogate, Gwendolen Wade, B.E.M., aged 92. Late of Littlethorpe, Ripon. Dear wife of the late Cyril Wade and a loved and respected aunt. No funeral at her request but donations if desired to British Wireless for the Blind, Gabriel House, 34 New Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4QR.

WREY - Peggy, peacefully at The London Clinic on 23rd October. Widow of Denys and mother of Charles and Mark. Funeral 12.30pm Wednesday 30th October at St Swithun's Church, Compton Bassett, Calne, Wiltshire. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Kidney Research Foundation, 3 Archers Court, Stukeley Road, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE18 6XG.

WRIGHT - Helen Marguerite (née Carroll), widow of Dudley Hugh Wright of Nassau Bahamas, died peacefully in her sleep on 23rd October 1996 in Maryland U.S.A. Great lady and wonderful mother to Vernon, Wilfred and Harper. Memorial Service in London to be arranged for November/December.

VEAZEY - On 21st October 1996, in The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, James Vernon aged 71 years. Beloved husband of Od[illegible]e. Funeral Service at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on 29th October at 11.45 am. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research c/o J & R Matthews, 1 Old Talbot House, High Street, Cuckfield, W. Sussex RH17 5JX, tel: (01444) 441515.

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OBITUARIES

LORD GLADWYN

Lord Gladwyn, GCMG, GCVO, CB, former Permanent British Representative at the United Nations and Ambassador to Paris, died yesterday aged 96. He was born on April 25, 1900.

The outstanding diplomat of his generation, Gladwyn Jebb was one of the architects of the peacekeeping international institutions of the postwar world. His key role in the drafting of the United Nations Charter made him the natural choice in 1946 to be Acting Secretary-General of the world body until the appointment of the Norwegian, Trygve Lie. Jebb followed this by doing much to mould into workable shape the vision of the Western European Union (WEU) evolving from the leading statesmen of the time. He also played an effective role in the discussions which preceded the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty.

Jebb first became something of a public celebrity by shining in the dramatic Cold War duels at the UN Security Council, which were often transmitted via television direct into American homes in the early 1950s. Jacob Malik, the Soviet Representative, was the villain of those proceedings with his sneering anti-Western diatribes. Warren Austin, the American, was deemed too pompous and stuffy for the hero's role, frequently losing his temper. In contrast, Jebb could deflate the Russian charges with supremely delivered irony and ridicule. His icy contempt could be as glacial as Malik's and he could enhance it with barbs of sarcasm inserted with surgical precision. Americans were suitably impressed by his patrician insouciance, cynical wit and the consummate professionalism with which he could demolish Malik's bluster.

Hubert Miles Gladwyn Jebb came from a family noted for its academic distinction and its military and public service. He went to Eton and, after a brief period in the Coldstream Guards in 1919, went up to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he took a first in history. At the age of 24 he entered the Diplomatic Service and served in Tehran before returning to the Foreign Office in 1929.

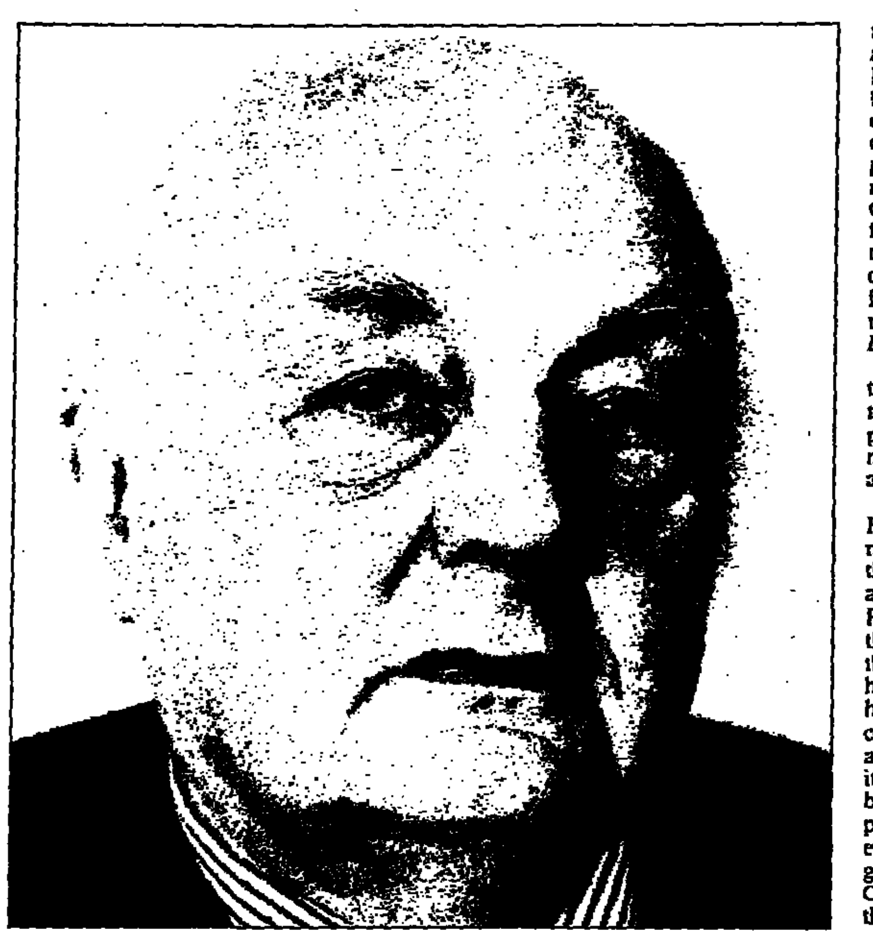
He then became private secretary to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Hugh Dalton. Later, he joined the first economic advisory unit in the Foreign Office and at the outbreak of war was in the key post of private secretary to the Permanent Under-Secretary of State, the acerbic Sir Alexander Cadogan. The author of *The Cadogan Diaries* used to say that Jebb was not a very good private secretary: he was certainly far more interested in political ideas and policies than in the multifarious chores of a private office.

It was at this time that Jebb's career began to take on its distinctive character. When the Ministry of Economic Warfare was formed it was deemed necessary to attach a sufficiently tough Foreign Office man to this new department which would be dealing in affairs that the Foreign Office regarded as its own. Jebb was considered to be of the calibre required and became one of the principal advisers to Dalton, who was then in charge of propoganda and special operations as well as economic warfare itself. He managed to get on well enough with Dalton while at the same time satisfying his Foreign Office masters.

In 1942 he was given a job which, although at the time inconspicuous, was to lead to his later eminence. He was made head of a small and new section of the Foreign Office known as the reconstruction department, set up with the ambitious task of thinking out what Britain's policy should be at the end of and after the war. So it was that with more than half the war still to run its course, bombs raining on Britain and the eventual outcome of the conflict by no means certain, Jebb became actively engaged in analysing the issues and drafting blueprints for the creation of the UN and other postwar international organisations. In 1943 he prepared the early drafts and then later in 1943 attended the conferences at Quebec, Cairo, Tehran, Dumbarton Oaks, Yalta, San Francisco and Potsdam at which they were hammered into their final forms.

The first draft of the UN Constitution was prepared under his direction. In August 1945 he was secretary of the United National Preparatory Commission, and in February 1946 he was, for a short time, Acting Secretary-General of the UN, organising the first meeting of the Assembly in Church House, Westminster.

He was Assistant Under-Secretary of State in the Foreign Office from 1946 to 1949, and in the latter year became Deputy Under-Secretary for Political Affairs. He was, at the same time, adviser on UN affairs and British representative on the permanent commission of the Brussels Treaty Organisation. He got on extremely well with Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary at the time, who is recorded as observing: "Whatever you may say about Gladwyn, 'e's never dull."



It was when he was appointed the UN's Acting Secretary-General that Jebb first came to public view. He had by this time matured into a heavy man with a spruce, self-assured demeanour and a high degree of administrative efficiency. Fellow delegates praised his cool and impartial judgment. When he became Britain's Permanent Representative at the UN in 1950 he dealt with a number of difficult situations — among them the Anglo-Persian oil dispute — with great force and skill. The four years at the UN saw the Cold War joustings flare into the hottest postwar debates as war raged in Korea.

In 1954 he was appointed Ambassador to Paris, where he covered the end of the Fourth Republic and the return to power of General de Gaulle, and was involved in much of the negotiations for the formation of the European Free Trade Area. His natural brusqueness of manner was not always appeciated by the French but he established a good personal relationship with General de Gaulle which continued until the General's death. He left Paris in 1960 on reaching retiring age, and was the same year created an hereditary peer — something he had, slightly shamelessly, asked his friend, R. A. Butler, to secure for him some four years earlier.

As Lord Gladwyn he then became a director of S. G. Warburg & Co, but he was not cut out to be a merchant banker. In his later years in Paris he had become fully committed to the European idea and in 1960 threw himself, with characteristic energy, into the movement for British membership of the European Communities, of which he became a foremost advocate as chairman of the Common Market Campaign Committee, later combined with "Britain in Europe". He exercised considerable influence in and out of Parliament in winning support for a policy which by that time he had very much at heart. When in 1963 General de Gaulle vetoed the first British application for membership of the EEC, Gladwyn turned on him and waged a spirited campaign on the dangers of de Gaulle's foreign policy which he buttressed with two books, *The European Idea* (1966) and *Europe after de Gaulle* (1970).

Gladwyn, who had been concerned in the early negotiations for a North Atlantic treaty, was a staunch advocate and supporter of Nato, and was for a time chairman of the Atlantic Treaty Association and a governor of the Atlantic Institute.

He sat on the cross benches in the House of Lords from 1960 to 1965, and made a number of interesting and thoughtful speeches. But in 1965 he announced that he had joined the Liberal Party. He explained, rather quaintly, at the time that he would gladly have served the former Conservative Government if it had shown the slightest sign of wanting him. But the moment, he felt, had now come for him to leave the cross benches and join the Liberal Party, partly because it alone of the three political parties had been consistently committed to the European idea. He also looked forward to the eventual formation of a new political grouping, which would include left-wing Conservatives and right-wing members of the Labour Party and lie left of centre.

In 1966 Gladwyn became a Liberal member of the parliamentary delegations to the assemblies of the WEU and the Council of Europe. He played an active role in these bodies and made some of his major speeches in the WEU Assembly. Also in 1966 he became deputy leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Lords and then spokesman on foreign affairs and defence. But, though the content of his speeches was always of interest, if sometimes rather theoretical, his poor delivery and manner of speaking often deprived them of the impact they deserved. In his memoirs he quotes with approval a letter he received from an English lady, who heard him speak in Los Angeles, roundly criticising his techniques of public speaking and the dullness of his subject matter. But, remarkably for such an able man, he never took the hint or learnt the lesson.

When Britain joined the EEC in 1973 Gladwyn, most appropriately, became a member of the United Kingdom delegation to the European Assembly and vice-president of its political committee.

In 1972 he published an interesting and self-revelatory volume of memoirs in which he said he considered his qualifications to be in the realm of administration and the formulation of policy, and admitted disappointment at not becoming the Permanent Under-Secretary of State. Policy formulation was certainly his strongest point, and he was an admirable organiser. But perhaps he lacked the sensibility needed at the head of a great department of state and, on the whole, the positions he held were probaby those best suited to his talents.

Gladwyn had great energy and capacity for hard work, and a quick and resourceful mind. He was full of ideas, with the ability to give expression to them rapidly on paper in clear and fluent language. His gifts as a publicist found their full scope when he entered public life after his retirement.

He was appointed GCMG in 1954, a GCVO in 1957 and received the Grand Croix of the Legion d'Honneur in the same year. Oxford conferred on him an honorary DCL and he also held honorary degrees from Essex University and Syracuse in New York.

To those who did not know him well, Gladwyn's rather formidable demeanour was sometimes taken for intellectual arrogance, and his manner was often thought to be somewhat overbearing. He did, indeed, seem to lack sensitivity in personal contacts, and occasionally in his public speeches or appearances. This was unfortunate, for he was by nature a warm and generous-hearted man, and a loyal friend and colleague.

In 1989 he suffered a severe stroke which badly affected his speech. But with courage and pertinacity he partially restored it, and from time to time continued to make interesting speeches in the House of Lords.

He married in 1929 Cynthia, the daughter of Sir Saxton Noble. She was an intelligent, charming and dedicated hostess, whose *Diaries* — published posthumously in 1995, five years after her death — almost rival those of "Chips" Channon. He is survived by one son, Miles, who succeeds to the barony, and by two daughters.

BRUCE MATTHEWS

Bruce Matthews, former managing director of News International, died on October 24, aged 71. He was born in Sydney on July 28, 1925.

IF IT took the determination of Rupert Murdoch to launch and sustain the revolution in newspaper production which effectively began at Wapping in January 1986, then he was acting very much on the programme initiated and carried through by Bruce Matthews, for three years his righthand man at News International. Twelve months before that dramatic change, Matthews had suggested to Rupert Murdoch that the new, but unused, Wapping plant, built to provide modern conditions replacing cramped and antiquated printing operations in Bouverie Street and Gray's Inn Road, might be brought onstream with a new labour force.

The plant, on disused dock sites just east of the Tower of London, was a project set up in 1979. But the unions refused to consider cuts in manning levels — and promises of proper arbitration procedures to eliminate the endless stoppages which had made Fleet Street the centre of trade union restrictive practices.

Matthews had been involved in endless discussions with union officials, all fruitless, but he felt there might be a way out by making use of a greenfields site with no union presence. At that time Eddy Shah was in the process of establishing his new paper, *Today*, which was run with no union involvement: this had been made possible by the new technology of computerised production, long established in other countries.

Matthews believed it might be possible to sign up the maverick rightwing electricians' union, the EETPU, which was at that time striking out into new areas of union activity and leaving old TUC constraints behind. Though with his colleagues he continued to seek agreement with the unions to operate Wapping with a smaller labour force, he increasingly switched his attention to planning the alternative.

It was an extraordinary dual role — to continue running the strife-prone Fleet Street system which was still producing *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and the *News of the World*, while at the same time establishing the fundamentally different ethos of computerised newspapers.

The story is now part of newspaper history in this country: Atex computers were smuggled into London from the United States, and electricians signed up at Southampton were bussed in to learn the skills of producing a newspaper.

Matthews was respected and liked by union leaders; they had worked with him from his Bouverie Street base, and knew him as an executive whose Australian background brought an egalitarian approach to his relationship with them. But, whatever union leaders might feel personally, ingrained traditions were too strong, and in the end negotiations broke down. The move to Wapping by all News International papers was made over the weekend of Jaunuary 24, 1986.

Matthews shouldered the unprecedented responsibility of running — and distributing — four major newspapers from an untried plant with untried workers using untried methods, against a background of violent picketing and the hostility of an astonishing range of British society.

He saw the task through to its final resolution, when, after more than a year of picketing, the unions at last accepted that they would not regain their power, inside News International. (Other proprietors were meanwhile using the Wapping bridgehead to negotiate their own tough new terms with the unions.)

But the strain had taken its toll of Matthews and in November 1986 he retired. He continued on the boards of News Corporation and Eric Bemrose. He continued working with the organisation Australian Businessmen in Europe, bringing together Australians working independently or with major international or Australian companies. His contacts were valuable in keeping its profile high in the busines world.

Perhaps appropriately for a man who in the end was to apply such drastic surgery to the ailing newspaper industry, Matthews had wanted to become a doctor as he grew up in Sydney. But his parents persuaded him to take a night school science course at Sydney University of Technology, while doing a five-year apprenticeship at Sun Gravure, owned by the Australian Associated Newspapers.

He became the first person in Australia to complete an apprenticeship in the rotogravure method of producing acceptable colour reproduction on poor quality paper — such as newsprint. At 22 he was given charge of the company's production operation, and this intimate knowledge of newspaper production was a strength throughout his career. Later he could talk production with the overseers in Fleet Street, and they understood that he talked from strength.

Australian Associated was bought in 1955 by the Melbourne Herald group, the most powerful newspaper publisher in the country. But Matthews found the new regime did not suit him, and he planned to join a Sydney advertising agency, a move which reflected an increasing interest in marketing.

The Herald & Weekly Times offered him a senior position running its extensive rotogravure company and magazine publishing division in Melbourne. This was to develop into a 14-year stay, leading to the chairmanship of *The Argus and Australasian*, the HWT magazine and printing subsidiary. He also became general manager of *The Herald*, Australia's major evening newspaper.

Matthews first came to the notice of Rupert Murdoch in 1956, soon after the takeover of Associated by HWT, where Sir Keith Murdoch — Rupert's father — had been chairman. They completed a deal for the HWT to produce *New Idea*, a women's magazine Murdoch had recently bought.

In November 1971 Rupert Murdoch invited Matthews to London to join his *News of the World* operation. Matthews's early involvement was largely with Eric Bemrose, the News of the World group Liverpool colour printer. When, in 1981, the circulation began slipping towards four million, he found the remedy. He was the driving force behind the launch of *Sunday* magazine, which immediately added 700,000 to circulation. He became deputy managing director of News International in 1977 and managing director in 1983.

Outside newspapers his great love was the Turf. Both the *News of the World* and *The Sun* advanced their coverage of racing under his encouragement, and he was a prime mover in the company's sponsorship of the Grand National for a period.

In the years before satellites made international live television part of everyday life, Matthews was a regular and enthusiastic host at gatherings of Australian expatriates viewing rushed film of any major Australian sport.

Cans of Fosters (suitably chilled), with traditional Australian meat pies would be provided at various venues, most commonly Victoria House, for invited Australians — and intrigued English friends who had not at that stage sampled the "amber nectar" — to enjoy screenings of the Melbourne Cup or the Australian Rules grand final from the MCG.

In 1987, Matthews joined Satellite Information Services, a satellite company 45 per cent owned by the Big Four bookmakers, and set up to challenge the Turf and greyhound race meeting broadcast service traditionally provided by Exchange Telegraph to Britain's 10,000 betting shops.

Extel was then owned by United Newspapers, which set aside £35 million for a campaign to update the service, and persuade betting shops to stay with it. But the old, monotonous radio link of a course broadcaster concerned primarily with basic detail for prospective off-course punters was one-dimensional by comparison with the SIS live colour television transmissions. From May 1987, SIS took over the contract to service the betting shops.

Matthews was named independent chairman, with the objective of reassuring the industry that the bookmakers would not control the operation. At the same time 40 per cent of the consortium was placed with non-betting industry investors, at the demand of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, to ensure its independence.

In retirement Matthews lived in Belgravia, where he kept up his keen interest in sport. (When he had started his career with Associated Newspapers in Australia he had in fact contributed reports on cricket and rugby.) But, though London-domiciled, he maintained a keen interest in Australian affairs. He was closely involved in Melbourne's failed campaign to win this year's Olympic Games.

Bruce Matthews is survived by his wife Sylvia, and three daughters.

ON THIS DAY

October 25, 1918

The German appeal for an armistice was put to President Woodrow Wilson of America in the hope that it would get a better deal from him rather than from Britain or France.

MR. WILSON'S REPLY

THE TERMS OF AN ARMISTICE.

Washington, October 23.—The Secretary of State makes public the following:—

From the Secretary of State to the Chargé d'Affaires of Switzerland, *ad interim* in charge of German interests in the United States.

Department of State, October 23, 1918.

Sir:-

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 22nd, transmitting a communication, under date of the 20th, from the German Government, and to advise you that the President has instructed me to reply thereto as follows:—

Having received the solemn and explicit assurance of the German Government that it unreservedly accepts the terms of peace laid down in his address to Congress of the United States on January 8, 1918, and the principles of settlement enunciated in his subsequent addresses, particularly the address of September 27, and that it desires to discuss the details of their application; and that this wish and purpose emanate, not from those who have hitherto dictated German policy and conducted the present war on Germany's behalf, but from Ministers who speak for the majority of the Reichstag and for an over-whelming majority of the German people; and having received also the explicit promise of the present German Government that the humane rules of civilized warfare will be observed both on land and sea by the German armed forces, the President of the United States feels that he cannot decline to take up with the Governments with which the Government of the United States is associated the question of an armistice.

He deems it his duty to say again, however, that the only armistice he would feel justified in submitting for consideration would be one which should leave the United States and the Powers associated with her in a position to enforce any arrangements that may be entered into, and to make a renewal of hostilities on the part of Germany impossible . . .

The President would deem himself lacking in candour did he not point out in the frankest possible terms the reason why extraordinary safe-guards must be demanded. Significant and important as the constitutional changes seem to be which are spoken of by the German Foreign Secretary, it does not appear that the principle of a Government responsible to the German people has yet been fully worked out, or that any guarantees either exist or are in contemplation that the alterations of principle and of practice now partially agreed upon will be permanent.

Feeling that the whole peace of the world depends now on plain speaking and straightforward action, the President deems it his duty to say that the nations of the world do not and cannot trust the word of those who have hitherto been the masters of German policy, and to point out once more that the Government of the United States cannot deal with any but veritable representatives of the German people, who have been assured of a genuine constitutional standing as the real rulers of Germany . . .

(signed) Robert Lansing

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NEWS

Mother can stop son's surgery

■ The Court of Appeal upheld a *mother's decision to* allow her 18-month-old son to die rather than undergo a life-saving liver transplant recommended by doctors.

In a landmark case that enhances parents' rights to determine the best interests of their child, the woman appealed against an order forcing her to return from her home abroad so that the boy could have the operation ....Page 1

1,000 prisoners may be freed early

■ The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, is braced for a new legal battle over the calculation of prison sentences which ministers fear could lead to the early release of up to 1,000 prisoners. Alarm is mounting about a High Court test case next week over the way time spent on remand is deducted when prisoners are given concurrent sentences........................Page 1

New York survivor

A septuagenarian Englishman *survived an eight-hour* immersion in the cold, sulphurous waters of the Hudson after he fell off a New York jetty............... Page 1

EU warning

Fresh difficulties in relations between Britain and the European Union loomed after Malcolm Rifkind fired a warning shot at France and Germany over plans *to sidestep countries opposed to* deeper integration............Page 2

Taxman accused

A "maverick" senior Inland Revenue official accepted bribes, including a prostitute, to protect wealthy businessmen from paying taxes, a jury was told .Page 3

Teachers' battle

A battle for members between the two largest classroom unions lies behind a series of campaigns by teachers demanding the expulsion of disruptive pupils.. Page 4

Freemason attack

Chief constables in England and Wales moved to curb membership of freemasonry among the country's 127,700 officers ..Page 5

Foster mother fails

A foster mother who has cared for *two boys aged eight and six since* they were babies failed to overturn a ruling that they be returned to their Nigerian mother to grow up with their own race and culture........................ Page 6

Deaths inquiry

An inquiry into a psychiatric patient who killed his mother and stepbrother decided that better communication between health workers could have prevented the deaths .... Page 9

Desperate Dole

A desperate Bob Dole, watching his chances of reaching the White *House receding by the day, has* called on the maverick millionaire, Ross Perot, to abandon his presidential bid .... Page 12

Israeli threats

A politically divided Israel marked the first anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin *amid reports that death* threats against public figures *from fellow Jews have reached* record levels.................. Page 14

Taleban bombing

Indiscriminate bombing by Taleban planes left more than 40 civilians dead and an unknown number wounded in a village near Kabul .... Page 15

Darwin forgiven

The Pope risked the wrath of the religious right by declaring that the theory of evolution was compatible with Christianity Page 16

Black Sea agreement

Russia and Ukraine announced that they had resolved how to divide the Black Sea Fleet, a question which has cast a shadow over relations .... Page 17

Monkey given memorial service

■ A clergyman defended himself for allowing his church to be used for a memorial service for a pet monkey, Bill, which died of a heart attack. The Rev Stephen Prior at Chester-le-Street, Co *Durham, said: "The Church of England funeral service was* not used. No animal or coffin was brought into the church" ....Page 1

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Nicky Wilton, 14, with his picture of zebras which won the British Gas Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition

BUSINESS

National Savings: The Government's savings arm has an unexplained £50 million blackhole according to a report by the National Audit Office ....Page 25

Halifax: Borrowers and savers with the Halifax are in line for an average £1,000 bonus each when the building society becomes a bank in June next year ....Page 25

Cabbies: Computer Cabs, a subsidiary of the cabbie co-operative the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association, is considering a stock market listing ....Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 28.8 points to close at 3999.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 88.8 to 88.5 after a fall from $1.5964 to $1.5918 and from DM2.4323 to DM2.4237....Page 28

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Golf: Robert Allenby, who is recovering after a car crash, withdrew from the Volvo Masters after playing one stroke to qualify for his share of the end-of-season bonus pool .... Page 48

Football: Alan Shearer, the Newcastle United and England striker, will be unable to play for at least six weeks after undergoing surgery for a groin strain .... Page 48

Rugby league: Denis Betts, the Great Britain forward, is backing his young team-mates to come good in the second international against New Zealand today ....Page 43

Baseball: The New York Yankees staged a remarkable fightback to level the World Series against the Atlanta Braves ....Page 42

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Princely power: Just when you thought *Hamlet* could go no further, director Philip Franks introduces a few fresh twists in his Greenwich production that powerfully enrich the play ....Page 39

Song and dance: *Smokey Joe's Cafe* comes hotfoot from Broadway with a show of Leiber and Stoller songs, performed with supreme assurance...............Page 39

Folk at 50: The McGarrigle sisters are enjoying a graceful and successful middle age with a stunning new album of emotive songs, and a British tour .... Page 40

Madonna's match: The week's album releases have produced an unlikely triumph — the *Evita* soundtrack, on which Madonna copes well ....Page 41

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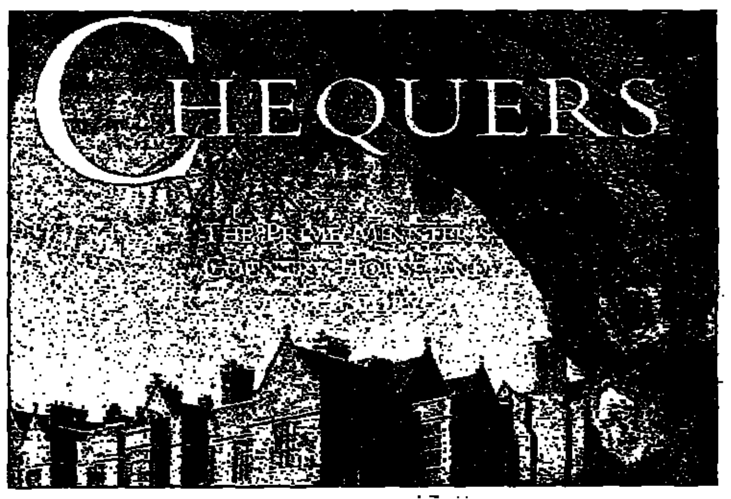
Chirac has spoken on behalf of an absent Europe, recognising the right of the Palestinians to a state. In speaking of the Arab-Israeli conflict, he referred to the historic experience of Franco-German reconciliation — *El Pais*, Madrid

Chirac has opened the way to a Palestinian state. Before him, no Western leader had dared to address the legislative council of Ramallah as a true parliament. After him, every foreign visitor will also have to recognise that the legislative council "holds an undivided part of the national sovereignty of Palestine" — *Le Figaro*



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The mountain moves

With or without monetary union, Germany's economic health is vital to European prosperity. Given the continent's vulnerability to the least symptom of a German disease it is a relief that, at last, it has been honestly diagnosed........... Page 21

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After-school clubs keep children off the streets and out of crime, give them a safe place to work and play, help mothers off benefit and generate revenue for the Exchequer............................ Page 21

Raza's Test

Raza is 20 not out overnight, keeping alive the exquisite fantasy of a century today . . . at 14.......Page 21

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BERNARD LEVIN

Diane broke down and said: *"There's no compensation,* Dad. I've conned you. I've ruined your life." And she had............. Page 20

DAVID HANNAY

Cyprus is the forum for a full-blooded arms race. There is a greater *density of modern weapons* and men under arms in Cyprus *than almost anywhere* in the world. One side acquires armoured personnel carriers or modern battle tanks; the other does likewise. This is inherently unstable, with a constant risk of a mistake or a pre-emptive move...................... Page 20

PHILIP HOWARD

Stubbs's huge portrait of Whistlejacket has been hung in the National Gallery *so that it dominates* the room and catches the eye from *six rooms* away. That absurd artistic hero, the horse, shows 24 different shades of brown, and its fiery eye makes you even more determined never to ride.......... Page 20

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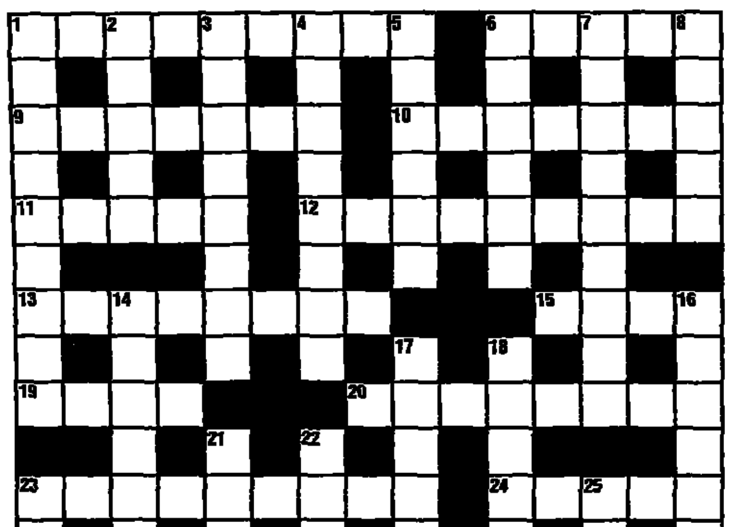

ACROSS

1 Twice divulge information in a club, say (9).
6 Bad spelling, possibly, in Daily Mail's leader (5).
9 Not a sum that's incorrect – sums (7).
10 It doesn't normally contain mother's ruin! (7).
11 Work religiously done in PE abroad (5).
12 One who tries to steer a boat (9).
13 Are at sea in storm, breaking at last (8).
15 Sign on the staff (4).
19 Distance vehicle travels in reverse (4).
20 Full of humanity? (8).
23 Not functioning properly, being unqualified (9).
24 Girl's come about the advertisement, miss (5).
26 It may qualify as part of an agreement (7).
27 Cover charge? (7).
28 Signal to driver to stop – it's a hold-up (5).
29 Developed idea drawn from a bygone era (9).

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1 Do without women (4,5).
2 Loop-line quickly going North, then East (5).
3 Women who saw wartime service in the field (4,4).
4 Match-box trial (4,4).
5 Observing what comes from a dumb-bell? (6).
6 Talented number of Romans heading for the bar (6).
7 Support, from chair, fuss about sick animal (9).
8 He keeps on accumulating endless unhappiness (5).
14 Missile base and plant (9).
16 Their bank accounts are often overdrawn (9).
17 What's up? Nothing wrong being left-handed (8).
18 Driver of train having crossed lines (8).
21 One is in high dudgeon, it ominously appears (6).
22 Disregard one note and not another (6).
23 Reports come back up when such charges are dropped (5).
25 Excuse for party in capital (5).

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** although eastern parts of England will start dry and fairly sunny, some remaining so all day, heavy showers over Wales and the west will spread across for the afternoon. These will tend to die out later. It will be quite windy, especially in the west, and somewhat cooler and fresher than Thursday. Rain will be slow to clear out of the northern isles, otherwise Scotland and Northern Ireland will have frequent heavy showers. These may be prolonged in the north-west, while the east should also see some sunshine.

☐ ***London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, Central N, NE England:*** bright or sunny start, then *scattered showers, some heavy. Wind* south to southwest, moderate or fresh. Max 16C (61F).

☐ ***Central S England, W Midlands,* Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** sunny intervals and showers. Wind mainly southwest fresh or strong. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** brief sunny intervals and frequent showers, often heavy. Risk thunder. Wind south or southwest fresh or strong. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** bright start but showers developing, some heavy. Wind south to southwest fresh locally strong. Max 14 C (57F).

☐ **Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** *mostly* cloudy, heavy showers. Risk of thunder. Wind south to southwest mainly strong Max 12C (54F).

☐ ***Orkney, Shetland:*** *rain slowly dying out* from the south. Wind southeast to south strong or gale. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook:** some sunshine at first, but becoming wet and very windy later.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	2.0	0.01	13	55	c	Leeds	1.5	0.01	16	61	b
Aspatria	0.4	0.04	16	61	r	Lerwick	-	0.01	11	52	r
Aviemore	4.8	-	16	61	s	Leuchars	1.0	0.01	16	61	r
Belfast	0.1	0.20	16	61	c	Littlehmptn	3.6	-	17	63	s
Birmingham	3.0	0.01	18	64	r	London	4.0	-	20	68	s
Bognor R	4.2	-	17	63	b	Lowestoft	5.3	-	15	59	s
Bournem'th	0.7	0.02	17	63	r	Manchester	2.2	0.01	18	64	b
Bristol	1.3	-	19	66	b	Margate	6.5	-	17	63	s
Buxton	1.0	0.01	15	59	du	Minehead	3.7	0.13	20	68	sh
Cardiff	*0.6*	*0.11*	*17*	*63*	*r*	Morecambe	1.2	0.01	18	64	sh
Clacton	3.3	-	14	57	b	Newcastle	2.7	0.02	16	61	r
Colwyn Bay	-	0.14	18	64	r	Norwich	5.5	-	18	64	s
Cromer	5.6	-	17	63	s	Oxford	0.4	0.01	18	64	r
Eastbourne	4.8	-	16	61	s	Penzance	X	0.13	16	61	sh
Edinburgh	-	0.01	17	63	r	Poole	1.2	0.03	18	64	c
Eskdalemuir	0.2	0.10	14	57	r	Prestatyn	X	-	22	72	s
Exmouth	1.1	0.04	17	63	r	*Ross-o-wye*	*3.1*	*0.01*	*19*	*66*	*c*
Falmouth	-	0.13	15	59	r	Salcombe	0.6	0.03	17	63	du
Fishguard	0.1	0.36	16	61	r	Saunton Snd	0.5	0.09	19	66	b
Folkestone	8.3	-	15	59	s	Scarboro'	1.0	-	15	59	b
Glasgow	-	0.01	16	61	c	Shrewsbury	1.5	0.03	19	66	r
Guernsey	0.5	0.03	17	63	r	Southsea	0.6	-	16	61	c
Hastings	5.8	-	16	61	s	Stornoway	3.3	0.29	15	59	r
Hayling I.	2.1	0.01	17	63	r	Swanage	0.3	0.01	17	63	r
Herne Bay	6.5	-	18	64	s	Teignmouth	0.8	0.05	17	63	r
Hove	4.0	-	17	63	s	Tenby	-	0.77	16	61	sh
Hunstanton	5.6	-	18	64	s	Tiree	0.1	0.63	14	57	r
Isle of Man	-	*0.07*	*15*	*59*	*d*	*Torquay*	*1.8*	*0.07*	*18*	*64*	*sh*
Jersey	0.1	0.01	17	63	c	Ventnor	0.9	0.01	16	61	c
Kinloss	3.1	-	19	66	b	Weymouth	0.5	0.02	18	64	c

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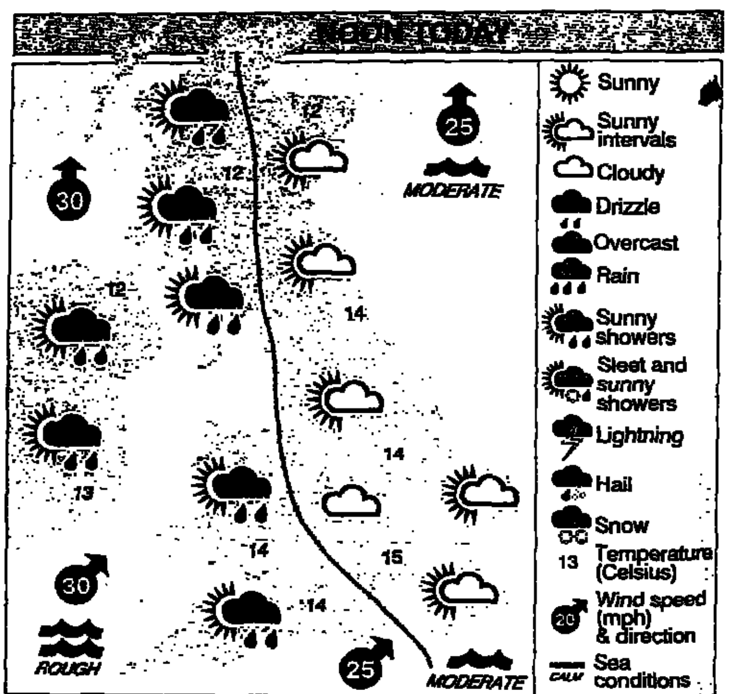
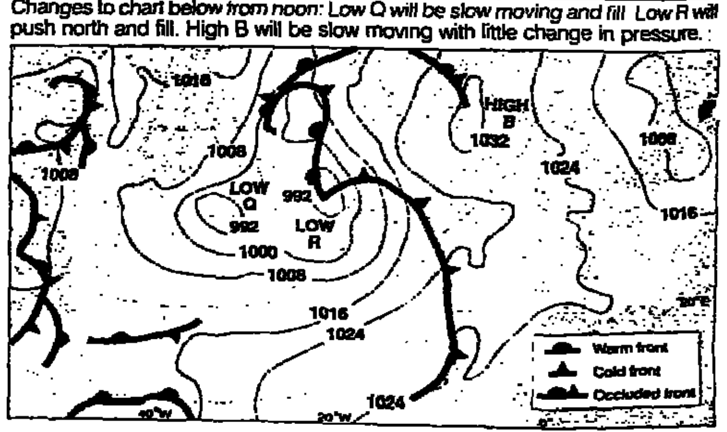
Brussels	13	55	s	L Palmas	27	81	s	Perth	19	66	c	Vienna	10	50	r
Budapst	10	50	f	Le Touqt	17	63	s	Prague	10	50	c	Warsaw	10	50	c
Cairo	27	81	s	Lisbon	21	70	s	Reykjavik	12	54	f	Wash'ton	21	70	f
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Locarno	X			Rhodes	19	66	s	Wel'ngton	11	52	-
Ch'church	X			Luxembg	12	54	s	Rio de J	31	88	s	Zurich	9	48	c
Chicago	6	43	f	Luxor	30	86	s	Riyadh	30	86	s				
Cologne	14	57	s	Madrid	25	77	s	Rome	21	70	f				
Corfu	20	68	s	Majorca	22	72	s	S Fr'isco	14	57	f				

Temperatures at midday local time on Wednesday X – not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: Low Q will be slow moving and fill. Low R will push north and fill. High B will be slow moving with little change in pressure.



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	0.09	7.2	12.28	7.2	Leith	0.55	5.6	1.31	5.7
Aberdeen	-	-	12.20	4.3	Liverpool	9.57	9.4	10.15	9.8
Avonmouth	5.50	13.2	6.13	13.7	Lowestoft	7.50	2.6	8.39	2.5
Belfast	9.51	3.6	10.07	3.7	Margate	10.43	4.8	11.20	4.9
Cardiff	5.41	12.0	-	-	Milford Haven	4.54	7.0	5.15	7.3
Devonport	4.28	5.4	4.45	5.6	Newquay	3.45	7.0	4.05	7.0
Dover	*9.52*	*6.8*	*10.22*	*6.7*	*Oban*	*4.33*	*3.8*	*4.52*	*4.2*
Dublin (N Wall)	10.33	4.1	10.38	4.2	Penzance	3.16	6.0	3.38	6.0
Falmouth	3.54	5.0	4.14	5.0	Portland	5.27	2.1	5.46	2.2
Greenock	11.27	3.5	11.45	3.7	*Portsmouth*	*10.03*	*4.9*	*10.22*	*4.8*
Harwich	10.19	4.0	10.51	4.2	Shoreham	10.06	6.4	10.29	6.4
Holyhead	9.07	5.6	9.20	5.9	Southampton	9.29	4.8	9.48	4.7
Hull (Albert D)	4.35	8.0	5.17	8.0	Swansea	4.59	9.4	5.23	9.8
Ilfracombe	*4.37*	*9.0*	*5.02*	*10.0*	Tees	2.06	5.4	2.41	5.5
King's Lynn	4.46	7.0	5.15	7.0	Walton-on-Naze	10.19	4.2	10.51	4.4

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Prestatyn, Flintshire, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Port Glenone, County Antrim, 0.82in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, 8.3 hrs

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